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▶ Trouble looms next week?

Islamic forum at Temple stirs controversy

A Temple University student group is stirring up controversy by hosting two speakers known for their Anti-Islamic views.

Robert Spencer and Pamela Geller, co-founders of Stop Islamization of America, will be part of a panel discussion at Kiva Auditorium on Monday. Their group has been labeled as a hate group by the Anti-Defamation League. Also part of the panel is Nonie Darwish, a human rights activist who has referred to Islam as "a poison to our society."

The organizers claim the event will focus on Sharia, which is the moral and religious code of Islam, and will not simply attack Muslims.

"We're fighting and we're standing up for the people who don't have a voice, for the people who are murdered because of Sharia," said Alvaro Watson, president and founder of Temple's Students for Intellectual Freedom. "If someone is uncomfortable by that they are the ones who should have the light shed on them."

Several organizations said they plan to protest the conference. The Council on American-Islamic Relations in Philadelphia said it plans to question university officials for sanctioning the event.

SOLOMON D. LEACH

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"I have never sexually abused anyone. ... The nature of these statements and the manner in which they were released, however, go way beyond any sense of fairness and propriety."

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In the news

Council vs. Verizon

Councilman Jim Kenney had a somewhat tense exchange Thursday with Doug Smith, Verizon vice president, over Kenney's resolution to hold hearings on how much progress the company has made in building a citywide cable TV network and whether it is neglecting poorer neighborhoods. Smith asked, unsuccessfully, to have the resolution tabled. METRO/AW

▶ New way to lose balls.

Foursome charged with stealing balls

DELAWARE COUNTY. Four people were arrested Wednesday for using diving equipment to steal from the ponds of suburban country clubs after police pulled over a van containing three men, one woman — and 8,000 golf balls, the Tredyffrin-Easttown Patch reported.

They allegedly dove underwater using the expensive equipment and stole balls at the White Manor Country Club in Willistown and the Aronimink Country Club in Newtown Square, according to the report.

METRO/AW

Unusual smell forces evacuation

WISSINOMING. Fire officials have not determined the source of an unidentified odor that led to the evacuation of James J. Sullivan Elementary School on Thursday morning, but have deemed the building safe for students to return a short time later.

At about 8:40 a.m., someone from the school reported a mysterious odor at the K-5 school on 5300 Ditman St. Officials evacuated 661 children and staff. METRO

Nuisance landlords may be targeted soon by city

'Problem Property Task Force' would address city's thousands of troubled parcels, buildings • Councilman's proposal also includes fines, cop costs

▶ Neighbors had called 311 about the warehouse that caught fire and led to the deaths of two city firefighters.

PAIGE OZAROSKI/METRO

With the city still smarting from the deaths of two firefighters killed battling a blaze in a vacant warehouse that had been the target of numerous complaints and code violations, there is no need for an anecdote to illustrate why it's important to ratchet up property maintenance enforcement.

Councilman Bobby Henon sought to address the issue Thursday when he introduced legislation to create a Problem Property Task Force. The group would be chaired by the managing director and consist of representatives from any city department that desires to participate, including the district attorney's office, L&I and the offices of the police, fire and health commissioners.

"We're reacting to violations and property maintenance concerns before they escalate further," Henon said. "An integral part is each department that deals with quality of life issues communicates with each other."

The ordinance would give power to the managing director to declare residential buildings "problem properties" once they have two or more Property Maintenance Code, excessive noise or litter violations or if they are host to persistent activities or conditions that pose a significant safety hazard.

Owners would be subject to a $2,000 a day fine for each violation, participation in an educational program designed by the task force and the cost of a police officer, who would be posted on the premises to prevent harm if a property poses a severe danger.

"It's time to enforce code violations," Henon said. "We need to start thinking about how and why our buildings fall into disarray, why they get abandoned in the first place and how we respond to the first call from residents."

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'Change the culture of the city'

PHILADELPHIA. Henon also called out several property owners by name for negligence during Thursday's Council session and said they would soon be subpoenaed to testify before a committee hearing on problem landlords. "This is the next step in changing behaviors," he said.

He said that he had already sent letters to those he listed through his Bad Neighbor Initiative and has been working to deal with problem properties since he was elected to Council in 2011.

"I grew up in Northeast Philadelphia and I have lived there most of my life. I have watched it deteriorate," he said. "This is a part of a bigger effort. ... I believe we can change the culture of the city." METRO/AW

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Nuisance properties among Philadelphia's estimated total of 560,000.

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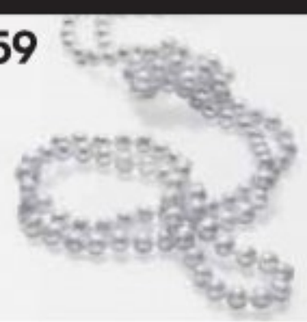

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Can you stay off of the Internet for 41 straight hours?

Internet access group asks Philadelphians to log off to raise awareness about 41 percent who don't have access ◐ 'Internet fast' pre-empts Philly tech week

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▶ Hey guys, would you be able to log off the Web for 41 straight hours?

Digital access is a catchy term for a troubling Philadelphia problem: At least 41 percent of households don't have Internet access.

That's according to KEYSPOT, the public-private Freedom Rings partnership tackling the issue through training, awareness and launching new neighborhood computer centers in the city.

To show just how integral the Web is in modern life, the partnership — which includes the City of Philadelphia, Drexel University and the Urban Affairs Coalition — is asking Philadelphians to go without the Internet for 41 hours from 3 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Monday, when the second annual Philly Tech Week presented by AT&T officially kicks off.

"We run the risk of entrenching a digital underclass"
CHARLES KAYLOR, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR WHOSE RESEARCH INCLUDES BROADBAND ADOPTION

"We run the risk of entrenching a digital underclass," said Charles Kaylor, a Temple University assistant professor whose research includes broadband adoption.

The first Internet Fast will come before the region's heaviest technology binge yet: More than 80 events celebrating the region's digital footprint, from entrepreneurship to development to, yes, digital access issues.

Before celebrating technology for a week, the group's organizers want any Philadelphian who depends on the Internet for work or fun — job applications, research, networking, connecting with friends — to see just how difficult it can be to go without, if only for a couple days.

With better awareness can come more support for broadening digital access in the city, say organizers.

Says Siobhan Reardon, the President and Director of the Free Library of Philadelphia, which is a KEYSPOT partner: "We have to solve this problem in a variety of ways."

● CHRISTOPHER WINK

If you go

Here's a list of Philly Tech Week events starting Monday that focuses on digital access — all free and open to the public. It's the second annual Tech Week.

- **OpenAccessPhilly Showcase:** A pool of technology-focused, public-private partnerships between the City of Philadelphia and other organizations impacting city residents
  When: Monday, 12-1 p.m.
  Where: WHYY headquarters, Old City
- **Frankford Computer Training for Constituents**
  When: Tuesday, 12-1:30 p.m.
  Where: Recreation Center, 4900 Griscom St.
- **What it takes to be a black tech entrepreneur**
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But 41% of Philadelphians lack the basic skills and consistent access to the Internet. And we all pay the price in slower economic growth, higher social service costs, and a less-engaged citizenry.

Find out how the Freedom Rings Partnership, a coalition of more than 50 community groups, civic institutions and government agencies, is bridging our city's digital divide with 80+ KEYSPOTS that offer free computer training and Internet access.

- Find your neighborhood KEYSPOT at **phillyKEYSPOTS.org**. Or call 311. Or text your address to 215-240-7296.
- Don't miss KEYSPOT-sponsored events during Philly Tech Week (April 23 - 27). Register at **phillyKEYSPOTS.org/ptw**.
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We're asking you to refrain from using the Internet for 41 straight hours this weekend to show solidarity with the 41% of Philadelphians stuck on the wrong side of the digital divide.

The FAST begins 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, and ends at the Philly Tech Week Kick-off BreakFAST at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 23.

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NoLibs readies for return of jazz hands

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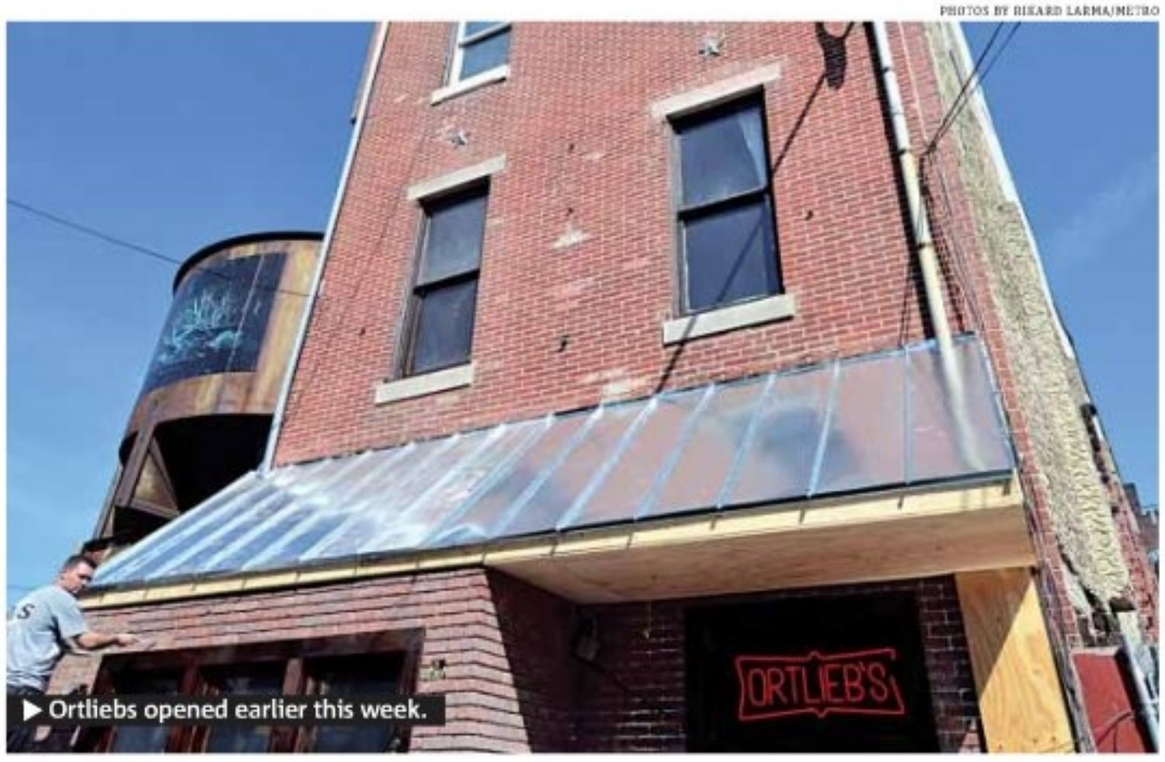

▶ Ortliebs opened earlier this week.

If Ortlieb's Jazzhaus did a little dusting, opened their doors and called it a day, no one would be complaining. Even as Northern Liberties became the place to pile in a cab to, there was always something lonely about that stretch of North Third Street after the legendary venue closed up shop.

But when it re-opened this week as Ortlieb's Lounge, it not only introduced a playful new Tex Mex menu — Frito Chili Pie, anyone? — but an ambitious new music lineup as well. Although longtime Ortlieb's owner and booker Pete Souders is still in the picture, new owners Four Corners Management will be drafting some booking support from R5 Productions — they're both in on the nearby Union Transfer — and mixing things up with rock, soul, blues and even an open mic comedy night.

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Years that Ortlieb's was closed before re-opening this week at the same location.

"We're really starting to move toward live entertainment, so we thought it was perfect — it's a neighborhood staple that we could put our stamp on," says Reid Benditt, marketing director at Four Corners.

Local blues master Shakey-Lyman is, for one, looking forward to the new, more inclusive direction. A former Ortlieb's regular, he's now on the bill every Thursday as one half of house band Slo 'n Shakey.

"I used to go there all the time to see Larry McKenna — he's one of Philly's finest saxophone players," Shakey tells us. "It almost feels like I've graduated, like I'm moving up into the big leagues. A lot of the people I studied played Ortlieb's — and now that I can, it's nothing but excitement for me."

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News in brief

Fire burns recycling facility

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA. Fire officials are investigating the cause of a fire at the Transfer and Recycling Center on Delaware Avenue Thursday.

The fire was reported just before 11:30 a.m. and was put under control by 12:38 p.m., Fire Department Executive Chief Richard Davison said. Billowing smoke could be seen in South Jersey and slowed traffic on the Walt Whitman Bridge.

Nearby businesses were evacuated as a precaution, but there were no injuries reported.

METRO/SDL

Gunfire, then more gunfire

OGONTZ. Police are looking for a man who shot up a Chinese food store twice in a matter of minutes Wednesday night.

The suspect approached several people as they were leaving the store on the 5900 block of Ogontz Avenue shortly before 10 p.m. and forced them back inside. He demanded they empty their pockets, took their money, fired one shot into the store and fled.

After running a short distance, he turned around, ran back and fired four or five more shots into the store as he passed the doorway, hitting a man inside. The suspect fled on foot in an unknown direction.

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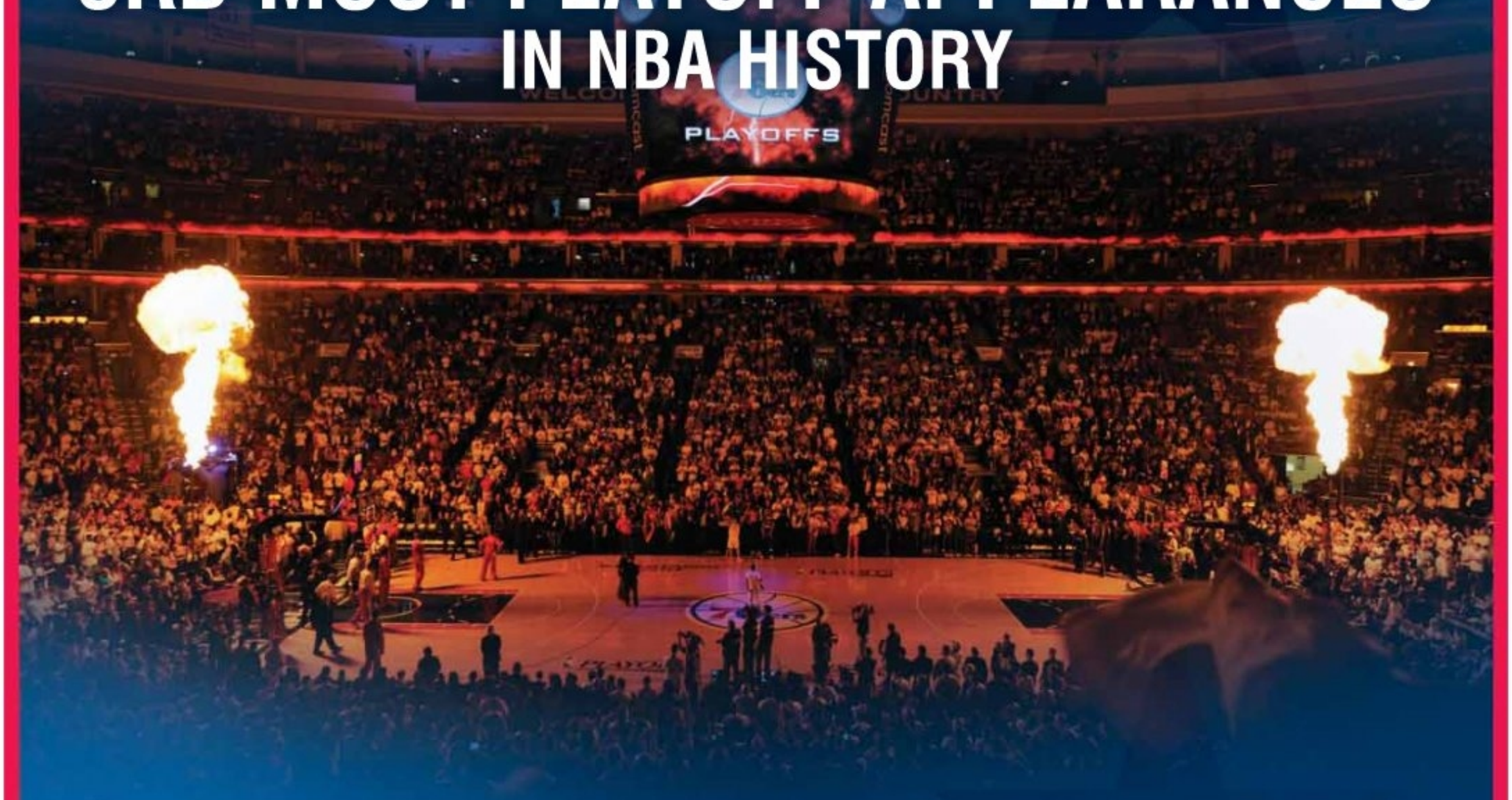

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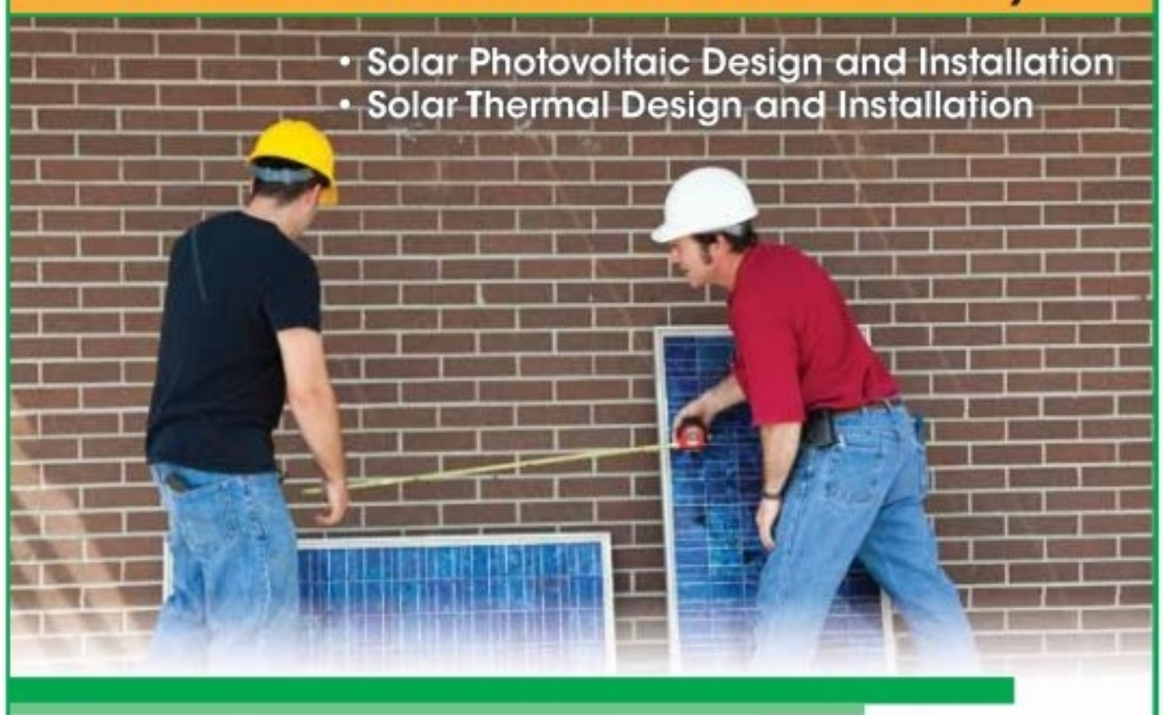

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Oh, it's on: Candidates must brace for slugfest

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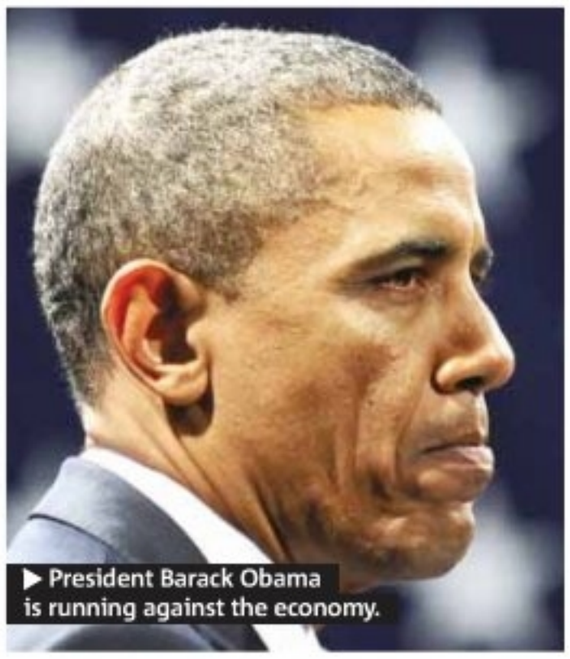
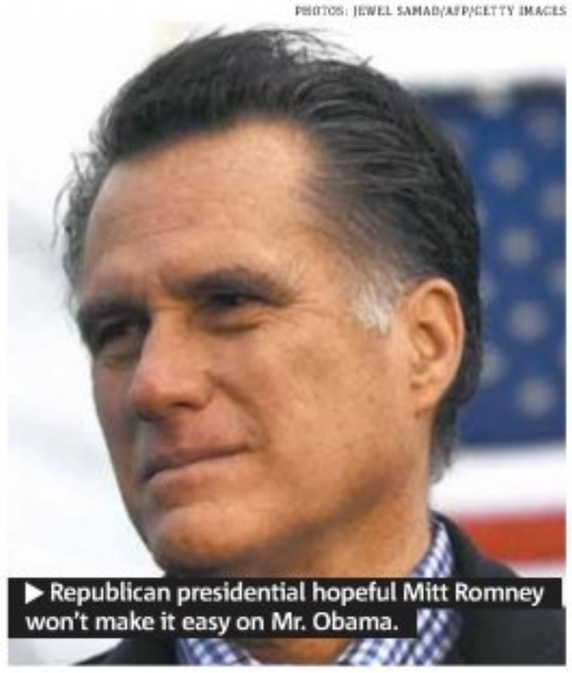


▶ President Barack Obama is running against the economy.



▶ Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney won't make it easy on Mr. Obama.

The 2012 presidential election is more than six months away, but here is what we know so far: It is going to be close, it is going to be nasty, and the outcome could turn on a series of unpredictable events.

Democratic President Barack Obama is a slight favorite now, but as tightening poll numbers suggest, his lead over Republican Mitt Romney is tenuous. A tepid economic recovery, voter pessimism about the future and a job approval rating largely stuck in the danger zone below 50 percent mean Obama could have a hard time matching his performance in 2008, when enthusiasm for his promise of change propelled him to victory over Republican Sen. John McCain with 53 percent of the vote.

Polling problems

Romney has seen a slight improvement in his poll ratings since Rick Santorum suspended his campaign.

- A Reuters-Ipsos poll this week showed Obama's lead had shrunk to 4 points from an 11-point advantage in early March. A new CBS News-New York Times poll has the race in a dead heat, with Obama and Romney each at 46 percent.
- But a presidential candidate's standing in April is not always a sign of things to come: An April 1992 Gallup poll gave President George H.W. Bush a 15-point lead over the eventual winner, Bill Clinton.

Political analysts see a fall election fight that looks more like the nail-biters won by George W. Bush in 2000 and 2004 than Obama's relative blowout victory in 2008.

Complicating the outlook is looming uncertainty about the pace of the economic recovery, highlighted by a disappointing March jobs report and high gas prices, as well as economic instability in Europe and the potential for a foreign crisis just before the election.

"Iran could be a real wild card," said Steven Schier, a political scientist at Carleton College in Minnesota. "In many ways, neither campaign is really in charge of their own fate. A lot of things can go wrong for both. **REUTERS**

House votes to OK Keystone

WASHINGTON. The U.S. House of Representatives voted on Wednesday in favor of speeding up the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada for the fourth time in two years, but the Nebraska Republican who has championed the project knows the vote may not be the last.

A large group of House Democrats — 69 of 190 — backed the bill, giving Republicans new hope the Democratic-led Senate and Obama might be convinced to embrace the project. **REUTERS**

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In March, the Senate agreed on a $109 billion transportation plan; the Senate considered adding approval for Keystone to its highway bill, but the measure failed by four votes.

11 Obama called some senators before the vote, asking them to reject the proposal. Still, 11 Democratic senators voted for the plan.

Billionaires lost billions this week

NEW YORK. The 20 wealthiest people on Earth lost a combined $10.7 billion this week as Europe's debt turmoil and concerns over the pace of economic growth in China and the U.S. sent stocks lower worldwide.

Global markets dropped this week as the cost of insuring against a Spanish default reached a record high, U.S. consumer confidence weakened and China posted slower-than-forecast economic growth. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index fell by 2 percent, ending the week at 1,370.26. **BLOOMBERG**

Hooker scandal started 'after US agent offered escort just $30 for sex'

The woman at the center of a sex scandal that has rocked the U.S. Secret Service said yesterday it was caused by an agent offering her just $30 for sex when they had previously agreed $800.

The woman, who says she is an escort not a prostitute, was 1 of 20 women taken back to the hotel of around 12 secret and service personnel in Cartagena, Colombia. They were there preparing for a visit to the country by President Barack Obama.

The woman said she was picked up at a stripclub — the Pley Club — by American agents, who bought bottles of vodka.

She told The New York Times that the men were 'very discreet,' never telling her they were working on behalf of Obama.

The man she alleges slept with her agreed on a price of $800, but changed his mind the following morning and said he had been drunk. He offered her $30.

A furious row started and police were summoned, leading to the American agents being recalled.

Yesterday, one was fired, one retired and a junior employee resigned. Others face lie detector tests as an inquiry, demanded by Obama, is ongoing. **METRO**

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▶ Hotel Caribe where the Secret Service members were alleged to have invited prostitutes to their rooms.

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▶ Without insurance, people quickly disconnected from the health care system.

Quarter have no health insurance in US, study says

As the U.S. Supreme Court ponders the fate of health care reform in the current election year, a study released Thursday shows that 1 in 4 working-age Americans went without insurance at some point in 2011, often as a result of unemployment and other job changes.

The study by the Commonwealth Fund polled 2,100 people aged 19 to 64 and found that 26 percent of nonelderly adults went without insurance — a percentage that researchers said equals about 48 million people when measured against U.S. census data.

The Commonwealth Fund, a nonprofit organization that analyzes health care issues, said that 7 in 10 of those who lost insurance spent a year or more without coverage, partly because plans sold on the individual market for health insurance were unaffordable. **REUTERS**

News in brief

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▶ Nugent

Ted Nugent: I'll be quizzed by the Feds

ARDMORE, OKLA. Ted Nugent said that the U.S. Secret Service has arranged to meet with him after the rock musician severely criticized President Barack Obama during the National Rifle Association convention last week.

Nugent, who told the gun rights group last week that he would be "dead or in jail" next year if Obama is re-elected in November, appeared on conservative radio host Glenn Beck's show on Wednesday.

He was asked if he had heard from the Secret Service.

"We actually have heard from the Secret Service, and they have a duty, and I salute them. I support them and I'm looking forward to our meeting tomorrow," Nugent said on Beck's show.

The 63-year-old Nugent was set to perform in Ardmore, Okla., on Thursday. **REUTERS**

Gunman kills 3 at Texas cockfight

LA BLANCA, TEXAS. Masked gunmen killed three men and wounded eight others when they opened fire on an illegal cockfighting ring in southern Texas, the local sheriff said Thursday.

Two to four gunmen ambushed the rooster fight Thursday morning shortly after midnight, shooting "indiscriminately" into a group of spectators behind a remote farmhouse about 20 miles northeast of McAllen, Texas, said Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino. Witnesses told investigators a chaotic scene erupted when the masked men opened fire at the cockfighting operation, sending people into nearby woods to hide while others fled in vehicles, Trevino said. That contaminated much of the evidence at the scene, making it difficult for investigators to reconstruct the attack, he said. **REUTERS**

Opinion

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GONE TO THE DOGS

Dodging through D.C. traffic this week, I screeched up behind a Toyota, and spotted a bumper sticker. It featured a picture of a seemingly happy little pooch, the words "I ride inside!", and underneath it said DogsAgainstRomney.com. A short while later at work I pulled up the website and spent an entertaining few minutes looking at an array of pro-dog, anti-Romney products: License plate holders that says "Mitt is mean," sweatshirts emblazoned with the words "Dogs aren't luggage," and my personal favorite, stickers that say "Get 'Ruff" with Romney."

This is all, of course, in reference to the Republican presidential challenger's now infamous decision to put the family dog into a car-top carrier about 30 years ago for a 12-hour ride to Canada.

I'm sure it was no big deal at the time, and certainly the decision could have been much worse.

"Mitt, the car is jammed. What are we going to do with Seamus?"

"Hmmm. I have his leash. How fast do you think he can run?"

But despite the fact that Team Romney has since defended the choice over and over as the best option, many Democrats clearly want this issue to stick to him like ticks on a terrier. With unconcealed glee they bring it up every chance they get, painting the former Massachusetts governor as an uncaring, thoughtless dog abuser.

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"Hmmm. I have his leash. How fast do you think he can run?"

The subtext is about as subtle as a Rottweiler on a pork chop: Hey, if we can't trust this guy with a dog, how can we trust him with the national debt?

Romney defenders have hit back, noting that Barack Obama admitted in one of his own books that he ate dog meat as a child in Indonesia.

Eating Fido, after all, seems markedly worse than taking him to Toronto. But that seems to be going nowhere. The White House has pointed out that young Barack was only about 6 years old when that happened.

To be honest, most political analysts who are not drinking heavily and in a goofy mood, readily admit it all means nothing; neither for Gov. Romney nor President Obama. Oh sure, a few extremely zealous dog lovers may care, but by and large it is just political theater. For now, however, the bumper stickers are flying, the dog fight rages, and we media types — who whip it all up — wonder why people call this the "silly season."

– CNN's Tom Foreman is a regular on "AC360°"/www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room."

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What About Me?

A Picture of My Digital Life
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Ladies, if you're looking for a bathing suite for this **summer**, look no further... You're welcome. R2D2

IT'S ALL YOU

The new app What About Me? turns your social media usage into a charticle
It's the ultimate in self-absorption

With so much of our interactions taking place online, there's no better way to capture what events make up our lives than through our social media accounts. Intel's new app, "What About Me?," takes the information from your Facebook, Twitter and Google+ profiles and combines it into an infographic that reveals what you talk about during your day.

"We know Facebook is a common user experience for people who like social media but we weren't convinced that people had a snapshot of who they talked to, what they talked about, when they liked to be online, and where they connected with their friends," Laurie J. Koehler, consumer campaigns activation manager for Intel, told Metro. "What if we could provide users with a picture of their digital life and give them a "poster" of their online engagements? That was our goal: Create an infographic that would be a useful tool and a repeatable experience."

Intel had previously dabbled with a similar concept for their award-winning app, "The Museum of Me." Users connected their accounts to create a virtual display of their most liked and commented videos, photos and comments. For better or worse, people were exposed to their favorite moments with friends and some painful memories with ex-lovers that they would rather forget.

While there are similarities between the two apps, "What About Me" focuses more on analyzing user data using API or application programming interface, a source code based "language" that helps software companies communicate. Instead of just showing media the person shared on their accounts, it displays a fuller picture of a user's digital footprint through an infographic. You can see what time you access social media the most, what topics you talk about and whether you like sharing links or posting items you discovered on your own.

"Social media has created a unique desire from people to want to know more about everything — from easy searches on key pieces of information (like what movies are coming out this weekend) to how to reach out to friends (they haven't talked to since high school) to sharing their current life goals (what I want to be when I grow up has been replaced by photos of my favorite things)," Koehler said.

Koehler added that the problem is we share so much that we forget what we've said. Not only does the app "gift wrap" our entire social media experience, it makes it easier to figure out if you like the image you're portraying online.

Caring is sharing

- Koehler believes people's interest in apps like this mean we actually care deeply about the rest of the world and what they think.
- "Their massive amount of online conversations demonstrate a profound desire to gather information, share problem-solving techniques, and reach geographic locations their only used to dream about," she explains. "The Internet now allows us to reach past what used to be our 'backyard' to anywhere we need to be to make a difference."

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WEEKEND

‘Cities, greener than suburbs’

‘Fight Club’ star Edward Norton has long been fighting for sustainability, especially the greening of cities He wants you to think eco-friendly — and can help your green cause with his site, Crowdrise

Talking to Edward Norton, you can’t deny his passion for the planet. The man knows his stuff — and he should, since he serves as an ambassador for the United Nations’ biodiversity program. He also cofounded Crowdrise, a social media-powered fundraising group for charities of all stripes.

You’ve done a lot to improve low-income housing. Is that an area where you can apply green initiatives and kill two birds with one stone?
Definitely. You can apply efficiency and sustainability standards to affordable housing, absolutely. And not only is it better for the environment, better for cities [and] better for the health of residents, but it actually proves to be very cost-efficient. Ultimately, the additional costs associated with doing things in a greener and sustainable way in affordable housing can usually get paid back by the savings from that efficiency within a couple of years.

Yet a lot of people still assume greener building practices are more expensive.
Sometimes environmental values get associated with some sort of an elitist choice or a choice that’s only available to people of a certain income level, and that’s just absolutely not true.

What are some areas where people would assume it’s more expensive to be more green?
Certain technologies cost more upfront, but as you start to project the operational cost of things not only do those costs get paid back, but over a long-term stretch there’s actual savings and cost-efficiency in making more sustainable choices in the way that we do things. Smart businesses and smart governments are realizing this themselves and pursuing those efficiencies.

We recently talked to the founder of Pirate Bay, who suggested that younger people find green issues outdated and are more interested in problems of free speech.
I don’t actually agree with that. I think we’re continuing to see a broader and broader penetration of awareness and concern about ecological sustainability, lost biodiversity [and] climate change. I think it’s one of the few things that is pervasive for all societies. Free speech issues, you can argue, are more important in some places than others. Environmental sustainability is equally important everywhere. So I don’t see these issues on the fade at all.

In our Earth Day section, we write about a system designed to turn human waste into energy. Would you use it?
I think we’re going to have to move decisively in that direction. We’re going to have to look at solid waste energy as well as turning waste water and sewage waste to energy. And even beyond energy, I think water is going to be one of the pressing issues of the 21st and 22nd centuries.

If you look at a place like Singapore, they’ve already moved completely to where they’re not only reusing their municipal sewage stream for irrigation and things like that, but it also contributes to the drinking water supply. So there’s going to be a lot of jokes about it, but there’s just no doubt that we’re going to have to get better at closing the loop in all ways in terms of reusing our waste stream at every level.

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All joking aside, Norton reckons we’ll be using human waste as an energy source.

What’s this Crowdrise, anyway?

Crowdrise is Edward Norton’s groundbreaking fundraising operation.

“It grew out of many years of having the experience of being involved in causes and realizing painfully that there were a lot of costs associated with fundraising,” Norton says. “Sometimes you lose 40 percent of the money you had raised to the costs of producing the event or the dinner or whatever. The service we really want to bring first and foremost through Crowdrise was to give people a way, through these powerful online networking tools, to take ownership of these causes and have impact. But we also want to let the organizations achieve this kind of fundraising for costs that were fractional compared to traditional fundraising.”

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Get involved

Want to do more this Earth Day? Check out these green causes from @crowdrise: www.crowdrise.com/EarthDay2012

Edward Norton

- **Age:** 42
- **Family:** His father was an environmental lawyer serving under President Carter.
- **Known for:** Critically acclaimed films “Primal Fear” and “American History X”
- **In the news:** Co-founded Crowdrise, a crowdsourcing charity website

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Question

Can cities be eco-friendly?

“One of the ironies is the density of cities makes people think that they must be energy hogs,” says Norton. “But the truth is that, on a per capita basis, cities are much more efficient places to live than the suburbs. New York on a per capita basis is probably a much greener city than the average suburb. Certainly more than a city like Phoenix where you’ve got incredible energy expenditure because of the sprawl and the way that the city’s built — and the lack of mass transit.”

Special section

Want more Earth Day? Read about how human waste is turned into power and take a quiz to find out how green you are. {pages 19-22}

Movie review

'To The Arctic'
Starring: Meryl Streep
Directed by: Greg MacGillivray
Rated: G
Grade: ●●○○○

Much like "March of the Penguins," this documentary boasts serious star power, taking us through the journey of various wildlife that call the frozen tundras home. Meryl Streep narrates "To the Arctic," as do researchers with firsthand experience of life in the frigid north. Paul McCartney wrote the film's songs.

The stunning landscapes and footage of caribou, polar bears and other inhabitants above and below icy water are perfectly suited for the IMAX experience. You'll find yourself internally (or externally) "ooh"-ing, "ahh"-ing and certainly "aww"-ing, especially at the adorable polar bear cubs and the fierce loyalty that their mother exerts over them. While at times preachy, the film's emphasis on environmental destruction is especially hard-hitting when there's a precious polar bear cub on the screen in front of you.

MEREDITH ENGEL

▶ A polar bear crosses the ice in Svalbard, Norway. "To The Arctic," is in IMAX theaters Friday.

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In a MAN'S world

Gabrielle Union discusses the real-life truths of her new film, 'Think Like a Man' How this occasional party girl and her co-star Jerry Ferrara gave their onscreen relationship some authenticity

Gabrielle Union has dazzled us on both the big and small screens for almost 20 years. From the tough-talking, no-nonsense cheerleader Isis in "Bring It On" to the scheming daughter of the beloved and bitchy Wilhelmina Slater on television's "Ugly Betty," she's pretty well nailed being a woman in control, or "the girl who's got it all figured out and somehow can't find a man, or the girl from the right side of the tracks with the boy from the wrong," as she puts it. And her recent shifts in character are refreshing, albeit surprising, as we start to see a little "bad girl" emerge from one of the good girls.

In the recent "Tyler Perry's Good Deeds," Union played Natalie, the perfect fiancee to the staid and stoic Wesley Deeds — perfect, that is, until she hits the clubs for a night out with her BFF and gets herself unabashedly sloshed. Now, in Tim Story's hilarious "Think Like a Man," Union takes it a step further as Kristen, a woman forced to do exactly what the title suggests in order to get her boyfriend of nine years to propose. And part of that "male thinking"? Sprawling out on the bed smoking a bong and talking, of all things, existential time travel with her man.

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Gabrielle Union

While she refers to her own history as a "person who really enjoys a good time," according to Union, assuming these character traits is all part of "reality." It's something that, in "Think Like a Man," she and co-star Jerry Ferrara fought for during filming as an important aspect to their onscreen relationship. "With some couples, this is reality," she says. "You might get a little drunk with your girlfriend. You might smoke a spliff with your man and talk about time travel. Every couple has to decide where's the line in the sand. What are your expectations? What are you willing to deal with or not deal with? In their relationship, weed was part of it. Obviously in my real life, it is not."

Viewing the scene as one that gives the audience a sense of "why these two have been together nine years," authenticity was important to both Ferrara and Union. And just how authentic was it? "We really wanted the smoke to be seen so you got what was happening," she lets on. "It was authentic smoke."

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No one getting 'Lucky' here

We weren't asking a lot from the latest Nicholas Sparks adaptation But some things we can't excuse

'The Lucky One'
Director: Scott Hicks
Stars: Zac Efron, Taylor Schilling, Blythe Danner
Rating: PG-13
Grade: ●●○○○

"The Lucky One" is adapted from a Nicholas Sparks novel, and so it cannot and will not be judged by its plot, character development or any other traditional measure of a film's worth. Like "The Notebook" and "Dear John," its sole purpose and only responsibility is to make you fall in unconditional love with its noble hero — in this case, an ex-Marine (played by Zac Efron's sparkling eyes) who, when not mentoring children or taking care of dogs, is searching for a woman whose photo he found on the battlefield.

In order to do this, director Scott Hicks stocks the film with characters that are at best forgettable (the all-important constantly crying blonde, played by Taylor Schilling) and more frequently hilarious caricatures (crying blonde's abusive ex-husband and her sensitive son who can't catch a baseball). Of course, he still asks his audience to make some leaps of faith — such as accepting Efron as a Marine — but for this he can be forgiven in the name of love.

If nothing else though, we must hold "The Lucky One" accountable for its outdoor shower sex scene, for which the entire first hour of the film serves as bland, insufferable foreplay. Unfortunately, here's where it decides to take some cues from the real world: Complete with the most awkward, clumsy groping since prom, not even Efron's newly muscled shoulders can provide a moment of escapist peace as Schilling clearly eyes up a much more comfortable bed. You've faked sexier things in your own shower — and that's a problem we can't overlook.

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Review

Thinking like a man makes for some laughs

'Think Like a Man'
Director: Tim Story
Stars: Gabrielle Union, Taraji P. Henson, Jerry Ferrara, Kevin Hart
Rating: PG-13
Grade: ●●●○○

Steve Harvey doles out plenty of relationship tips in his book, "Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man." Though you might not trust dating advice from a comedian, you can be sure that the film based on his best-selling book will make you laugh.

▶ Regina Hall and Terrance J. star in "Think Like a Man."

"Think Like a Man" follows four friends who all have very different approaches to love and relationships. But according to the women in their lives, none of those approaches work. When the guys find out that the women they're involved with are using Harvey's book to mold them, they are determined to fight back.

The film features a great ensemble cast, a little bit of romance and plenty of laughs. **REGAN REID**

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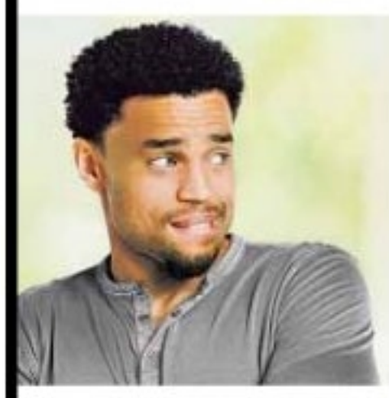

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MIRROR MIRROR (PG) Fri 2:45, 5:15; Sat and Sun 9:45-12:15-2:45-5:15.
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FRIENDS WITH KIDS (R) Fri 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; Sat 2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55.; Sun 12:15-2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55.
THE HUNTER (R) Fri 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50; Sat and Sun 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:40-9:50.
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JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME (R) Fri 1:15, 4:00, 7:10, 9:40; Sat and Sun 1:15-4:00-7:10-9:40.
JIRO DREAMS OF SUSHI (PG) 1:20, 7:30
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MARLEY (PG-13) 1:35, 6:10, 9:15

ON POINT: Philadanco connects through movement

The Philadelphia-based dance company's new program celebrates its ties to the city ◐ Choreographer Rennie Harris on translating the language of hip-hop and motion

Philadanco's close ties to Philadelphia are embedded right there in its name, but the venerable dance company plans to express its local roots throughout its upcoming performance, "The Philadelphia Connection."

The program includes a revival of Dwight Rhoden's abstract ballet "Tribute," which pays homage to Philadelphia International Records and its hit-making production team, Gamble & Huff, as well as late Philly choreographer Gene Hill Sagan's "Suite en Bleu" and Ronald K. Brown's ballet "Gatekeepers," created especially for Philadanco.

The centerpiece of the show, however, is the world premiere of "Wake Up" — a newly-commissioned ballet by Philly-born hip-hop dance pioneer Rennie Harris. The piece is set to the music of Nigerian musician/activist Fela Kuti, the title an echo of his musical calls to arms. "Most of Fela's music is about consciousness," Harris says, "so I thought the title was appropriate for his aesthetic."

The new piece is not the first Harris has created for Philadanco, yet the contrast in styles still seems surprising. "Anytime I work with dancers from a different genre, it's always different with regard to movement that's homegrown and understood from childhood versus movement that is kind of a foreign language," Harris explains. "I've worked with Philadanco a few times, so it's not a big issue — but it's always about trying to get the dancers to the point of being at least bilingual, so to speak."

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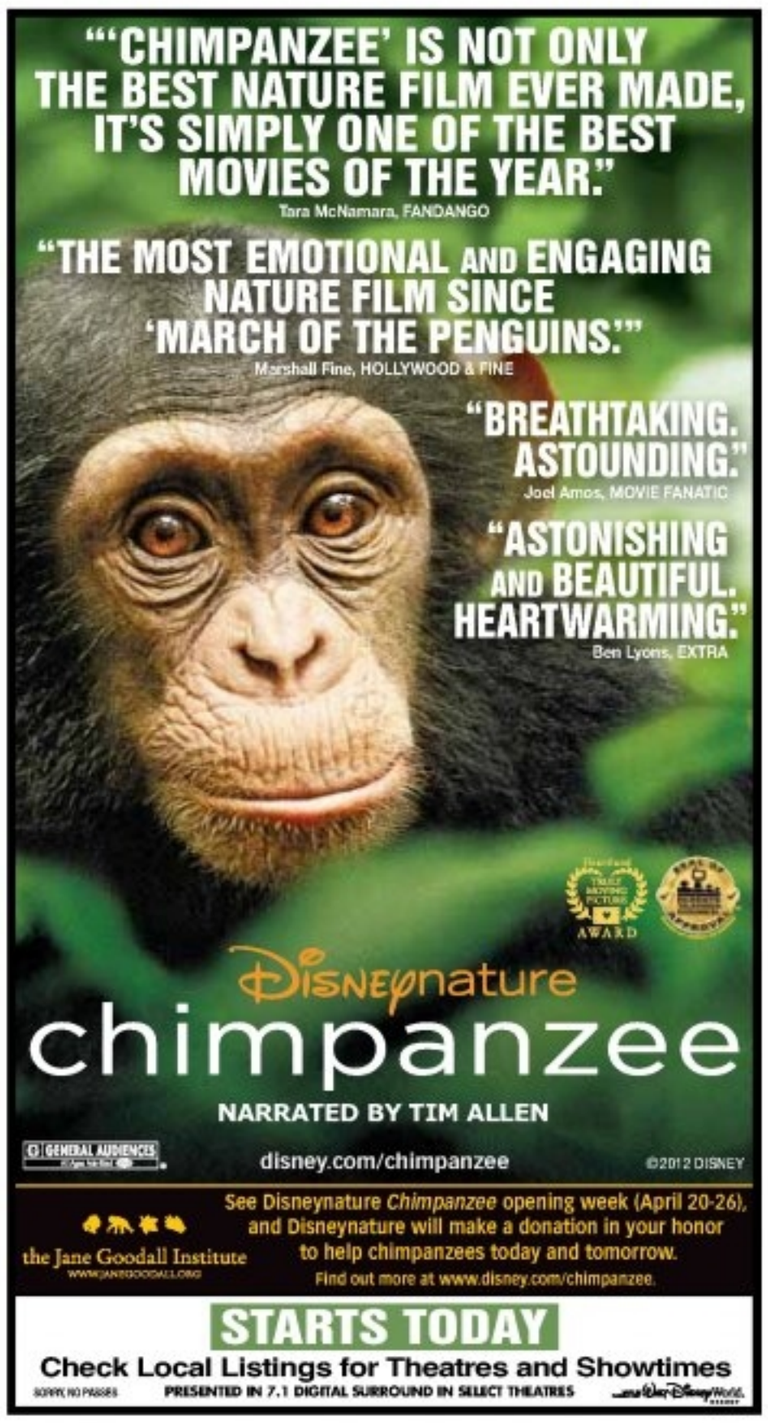
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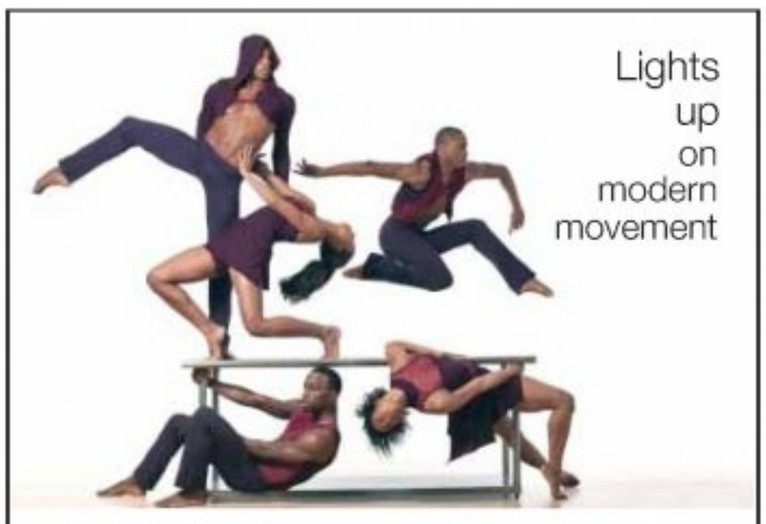
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▶ The Paul F. Tompkins special "Laboring Under Delusions" airs Saturday on Comedy Central.

'Patton Oswalt: Finest Hour'/ 'Paul F. Tompkins: Laboring Under Delusions'

COMEDY. It's a snarky geek-out double feature when two comedians at the top of their game each offer a standup special. Patton Oswalt (10 p.m.) continues to wax poetic about fatherhood and the requisite more nerdy fare (Jesus auditioning for the X-Men), while Paul F. Tompkins (11 p.m.) shares stories of working for a living — both onstage and off. **Saturday, 10 and 11 p.m., Comedy Central**

'The Real Housewives of New Jersey'

REALITY. Bravo tells us Season 4 of this ladies-behaving-badly staple features "a shocking ultimatum" — as if anything these ladies do is surprising anymore. **Sunday, 10 p.m., Bravo**

'Fox's 25th Anniversary Special'

SPECIAL. Fox looks back on the highs ("The Simpsons") and the lows ("The Swan") of the last 25 years in broadcast. But mostly the highs. **Sunday, 8 p.m., Fox**

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Our cities are going green in more ways than one Some tackle greenhouse gases, while others use alternative energy

THE SECRET OF BLOOMING CITIES

En route to something sustainable: New York's High Line, an old elevated railway line converted to a park, is an example of turning urban space into a green eden.

Ah, picture an idyllic scene: windmills whirling majestically, young mothers and fathers riding their bikes, their small children in seats behind them.

Welcome to Copenhagen, 2012 A.D. "Green has gone mainstream, and cities are making a big effort to become greener," says Sascha Haselmayer, general director of Living Labs, an urban innovation organization. "Some are just painting the sidewalks green, metaphorically speaking, but others, like Copenhagen, are making huge changes. Today there's much more money for green investments than there was just 20 years ago."

Large engineering firms like Siemens now have entire departments working on green city projects, and city spending on 'greenification' is projected to increase further as urbanization continues.

"Hundreds of mayors are thinking about how to go green, and they're taking real steps," explains Dr. David Satterthwaite, an urban living expert at the London-based International Institute for Environment and Development. "But adapting to climate change will require a whole staircase."

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SASCHA HASELMAYER, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF LIVING LABS

While cities like Copenhagen and Eindhoven focus on reducing — even eliminating — greenhouse gas emissions, other cities' greening efforts focus on issues like waste and public transport. Birmingham, U.K., for example, plans to turn all its food waste into energy, while the Swedish city of Malmo uses residents' waste to power its buses.

In Brazil, the city of Curitiba has reduced waste by 70 percent and built a new mass transit system at little expense. Hamburg and Stockholm, meanwhile, are in the midst of ultra-ambitious, multi-year greening initiatives. Yet other cities encourage residents to grow food, even setting aside space in public parks for urban hobby farmers.

"Greening isn't happening everywhere, and it's not just a matter of money," says Haselmayer. "In a country like Sweden, residents want to go green, so the government reacts to that. In a country like Spain, where I live, the government teaches residents to think green."

While some of the green fever is a response to global warming, green has also become so trendy that cities use their initiatives as a competitive advantage.

"There are 557,000 mayors in the world," notes Haselmayer. "When they wake up in the morning, they have to answer the questions, 'Why should anyone live in my city, and why should anyone invest here?' In a way, globalization is forcing them to act."

But pious living at home isn't enough. "You can live very comfortably in a city, riding your bike and emitting close to zero greenhouse gases," says Satterthwaite. "But you undermine all your efforts if you take a plane to India during your vacation."

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Turning poo into power

Sewage is a new, infinite source of energy ◗ More and more water companies are using sewage energy to treat wastewater ◗ India, China, Africa are leapfrogging the rest of the world in turning human waste into energy

In Didcot, some 80 kilometers outside of London, an ordinary-looking power plant heats 200 homes — with human excrement. 'Poo power' creates energy from sewage.

"Sewage arrives in our treatment plants, and it takes energy to treat it," explains Rupert Kruger, head of innovation at Thames Water, which operates the plant. "What's new is that we use the sewage to create energy. We now have 10 plants that create energy from sewage — enough for 15,000 households."

Welcome to the new world of energy, where pee, poo and dishwater replace oil and nuclear power. The energy is generated when bacteria break down the organic matter in wastewater. "Sewage contains more energy than previously thought," says Elizabeth Heidrich, a biologist at Newcastle University and lead author of a new study on sewage energy. "It doesn't have as much energy as oil, but we produce so much of it that it's a good source of power."

Because humans always need to use the loo, sewage an infinite source of power. More and more water companies are using sewage energy to treat wastewater, which represents some 2 percent of a country's energy consumption.

Somewhat unexpectedly, the developing world is setting the pace. "The West insists on removing the contaminants from human waste," notes Kartik Chandran, a professor of environmental engineering at Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science. "That's stupid; the contaminants help turning sewage into energy. As a result, India, China and Africa are leapfrogging the West in turning waste into energy."

Buildings are already creating their own energy through human waste; in the future, cities will have their own waste-to-energy plants, predicts Chadran. "Turning human waste into energy is an ideal solution for cities, especially since more people are moving there," he says. "You could turn the whole slum of Mumbai into a biorefinery."

NICK CUNARD/METRO WORLD NEWS

▶ Cheap energy doesn't smell bad. This big pool of poo in Didcot provides enough energy to heat 200 houses.

Quoted

"Sewage doesn't have as much energy as oil, but we produce so much of it that it's a good source of power."

ELIZABETH HEIDRICH, A BIOLOGIST AT NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Energy directly from the bathroom

Soon households will be able to generate energy — right on their own bathrooms. Michael Hoffmann, a professor of engineering at the California Institute of Technology, funded by the Gates Foundation, has invented a toilet that automatically breaks down human waste. The portable toilet, designed for developing countries where human excrement spreads diseases, immediately turns the human waste into energy for the household. And the toilet itself doesn't consume any energy — it's powered by the sun.

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How it works

1. Sewage — anything that goes down the drain in sinks, toilets and showers — arrives at a 'poo power' plant.
2. It's separated into solids and liquids.
3. The solids, essentially sludge, create methane and hydrogen, which is turned into energy. The energy is used the same way as other energy sources.
4. They can also create vehicle fuels, chemicals and fertilizer. The sewage sludge can also be dried into pellets, which function the same way as woodchips or fertilizer.
5. The liquids are either cleaned up for discharge reuse for non-potable water supply or irrigation.

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Hipsters start farming — without leaving the house

It's been dubbed "the world's first farm in a shop" — but inside you won't hear squealing pigs or rattling agro-machinery. No, the Farm: Shop is a world away from all that.

The fully functional farm cafe, which sells produce it actually grows within the confines of its Victorian bricked townhouse, sits amongst the urban smog and sprawl of London's inner city borough of Dalston. It's a far cry from bucolic England — yet if you order a salad at the counter, you'll be pleased to discover that the lettuce and tomatoes were grown in an adjacent room next door. Talk about fresh, local produce.

It's all a part of urban farming, a new drive to grow food within city limits that's been spurred by eco-conscious hipsters' demand for local produce.

"We have seen a huge rise in urban agriculture. In the U.S. and Canada alone, zoning laws are being amended to allow farming in residential areas," says Nevin Cohen, assistant professor of Environmental Studies at The New School in New York and an expert in urban agriculture.

Farm: Shop, founded by sculptor Andrew Merritt and engineer Paul Smyth two years ago, is an urban farming experiment to show how it's possible to grow food inside the city. It's an innovative idea that won the duo a local city council's competition to revamp derelict buildings and this got them a year rent-free.

To go with its experimental vibe, the place looks more like a laboratory. The communal table where clientele sit is dominated by murky tanks filled with fish and beds of lettuces sprouting up under fluorescent lights. The fish and lettuce are all part of an aquaponics system, a method where fish and plants supply nutrients to each other in a closed system. The fish waste is used to grow the lettuce plants, while the plants in turn filter rich, aerated water for the fish.

"This system is very fascinating, unique but also basic and simple," cafe manager Kristen Chang tells Metro.

ANTHONY JOHNSTON/MWN

▶ Lettuce factory in a cafe: It takes about seven weeks from seedling for lettuce to grow.

ANTHONY JOHNSTON/MWN

"It emerged out of economic necessity. It's an alternative to the industrial food system we have."
NEVIN COHEN, ON URBAN FARMING

Inside the building, you discover rooms filled with tomato and pepper chili plants growing to the ceiling. But the most intriguing part is the chicken coop on top of a roof terrace, where four hens scurry round, while below double-decker buses rumble along the street. They may not be free-range, but at least you know exactly where your eggs are coming from.

Farm: Shop could be a prototype of something more commonplace in the future: a place to grow vegetables without hauling them from the countryside. "Consumers are realizing risks in conventional farming," notes Cohen. "They begin to trust locally produced food now." ● ANTHONY JOHNSTON

Review

SO IS THE FOOD UP TO THE TASTE TEST?

I couldn't leave Farm: Shop without sampling some of their produce. Equipped with office scissors, I cut off what I think look like the most appetizing lettuce leaves. They've been growing there for some seven weeks and are fit for consumption. After snipping off a fistful of lettuce leaves, I handed them over to Kristen for my meal – lettuce, bread and some olive oil, aka a "lettuce sandwich."

Famished as I was, I gobbled up the sandwich in no time. There wasn't even a moment to think of all that gunky fish tank water that the plant absorbed. The verdict: It was palatable as lettuce can be. But to be frank, knowing how the food is made here (the fish feces) doesn't necessarily make you salivate.

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▶ Homemade food.

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1. Water, mixed with waste from the fish tank, flows into a plant bed. The ammonia waste from the fish is converted by natural bacteria into nutrients that are absorbed by the plants.
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3. Water and fish waste is then pumped to the water tank and the cycle repeats.

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How green are you?

How eco-conscious are you about living a sustainable, green urban lifestyle? Find out in our 60-second quiz

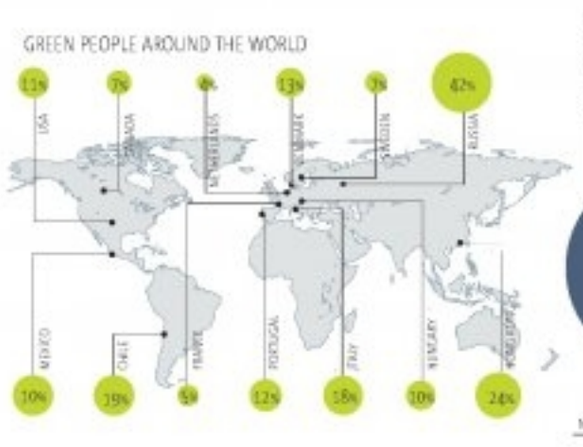
1. Every year we waste 55 trillion gallons of car fuel due to one factor. What is it?
A Burning fuel in reverse
B Friction
C Running the engine while stuck in traffic
D Driving the car at 60 mph, as opposed to 50 mph.
Answer: B: Friction loss — energy spent in overcoming resistance in wheels, engine, gearbox and in braking — reportedly amounts for one-third of a car's fuel consumption.

2. A cyclist traveling at 13 mph uses how much energy compared to a fuel-powered car?
A 1 percent
B 3 percent
C 5 percent
D 10 percent
Answer: B: 3 percent. The energy efficiency of a modern petrol engine ranges from about 23 percent. Humans use their body's fuel far more efficiently.

3. How many 60-watt light bulbs could you power with a miniturbine on your rooftop?
A 1
B 15
C 30
D 50
Answer: A: 1. Assuming a wind speed of 20 feet per second and a blade diameter of 3.28 feet, the power would be 50 watts – a measly 1.3 kilowatt-hours per day.

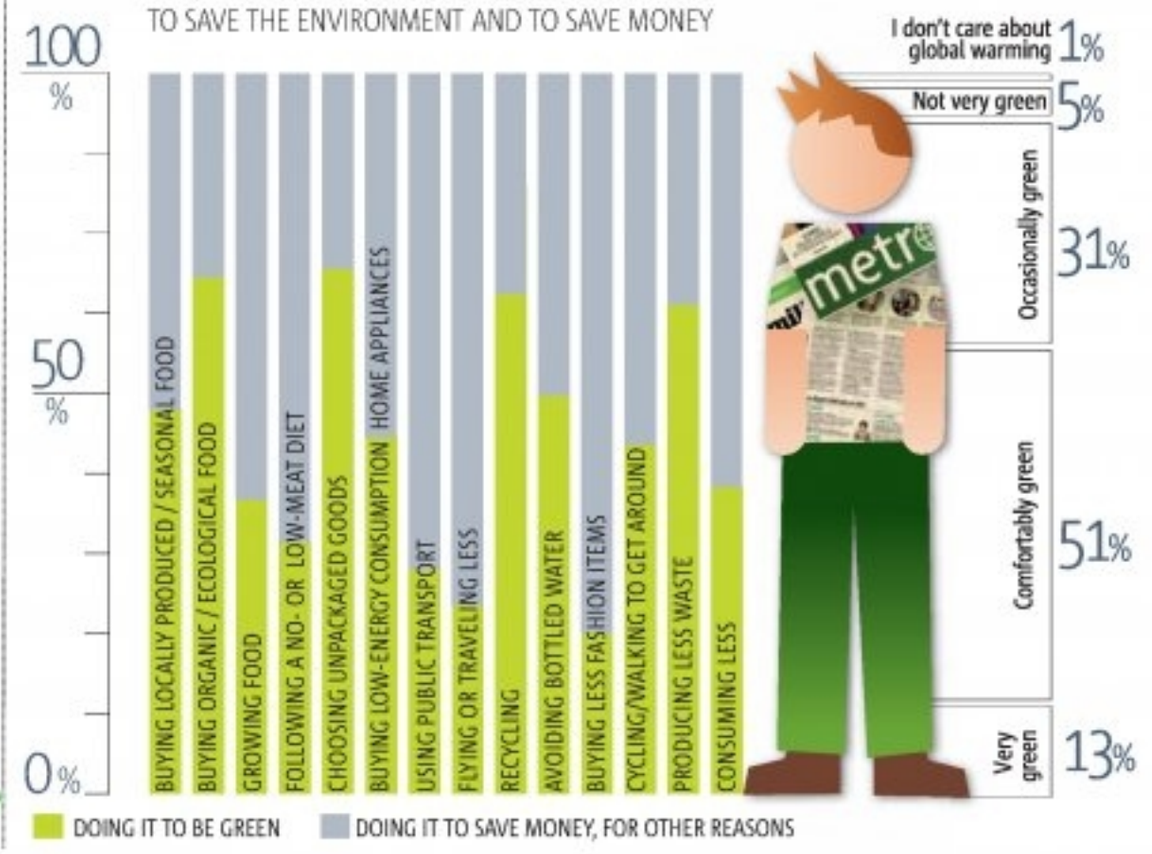
4. Which uses less water, washing a full load of dishes by hand, or in the dishwasher?
A By hand
B Dishwasher
Answer: B: Handwashing dishes can use up to 50 percent more water than a water-saving, energy-efficient dishwasher.

5. The energy saved by unplugging a phone charged from a socket for a day is the equivalent energy used driving a car for:
A One second
B One minute
C Half an hour
D An hour
Answer: A: One second – modern phone chargers, when left plugged in with no phone attached, use about 0.01 kilowatts per-hour per-day. Energy saved in switching off the charger for one year is equal to the energy present in a single hot bath.



GETTING ECO-THRIFTY

We asked Metro readers worldwide how much 'thinking green' plays a role in their daily lives.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How to score

- **If you got 0-2 correct:** You're as green as black coal.
- **If you got 3 correct:** You throw out trash but still leave the lights on.
- **If you got 4 correct:** You're eco-friendly, but are you eco-friends with nature?
- **If you got 5 correct:** A model eco-urbanite.

You're not doing a Ph.D. in green technologies, by any chance?

ANTHONY JOHNSTON

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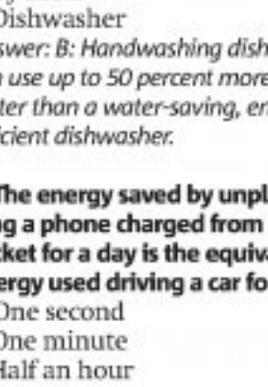

Sprout Watches

"Fish leather": The two words don't scream stylish and sexy. Yet Sprout watches, made from items like organic cotton (as well as carp skin), are remarkably fashionable. The company claims it always recycles, car pools and turns off lights, so it's putting in the time (so to speak).
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Gadgets from Gizoo

Gizoo's list of eco-friendly items, including eco staplers and eco-friendly "toilet smell killers," will make sure that your house is stocked with items to save the environment. Other notable items include the paper log maker, which helps you create a paper briquette for your fireplace, and the mini wind-up LED lantern.
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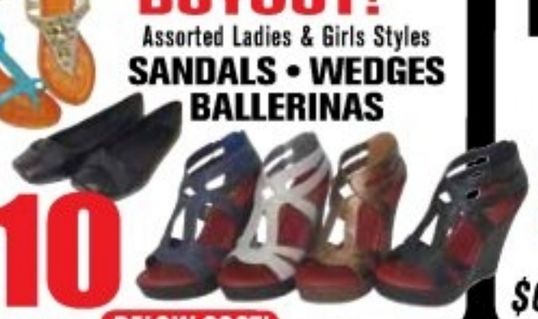

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Hail to the 'Veep'

BILL GRAY

▶ Tony Hale stars in "Veep," premiering Sunday at 10 p.m. on HBO.

Tony Hale's latest role finds him in a codependent relationship with a domineering woman. He is neurotic, but smart. And we're not even referring to Hale's reprisal of Buster Bluth on the new episodes of "Arrested Development" slated to hit Netflix next year.

Before he straps on Buster's prosthetic hand (bit off by a seal), Hale appears as another loveable loser: Gary Walsh, the personal aide to vice president of the United States Selina Meyer (Julia Louis-Dreyfus), on HBO's new political satire "Veep." (Armando Iannucci, the man behind the razor-sharp political commentary, "In the Loop," created the show.)

"With Buster's social anxiety, if he were placed in Gary's situation, he would be committed [to a mental institution]," Hale says. Meanwhile, we learn through the sitcom's documentary style that Gary thrives under pressure, ready at a moment's notice with whatever his boss may need — be it a conversational factoid on the politicians she may be chatting with or hand sanitizer.

"Gary is very, very efficient," Hale says. "He carries around this bag with all of Selina's stuff, everything from an extra pair of shoes for her to, if needed, a letter of resignation."

That letter of resignation would be for Selina, Hale clarifies, because without his job, Gary would be lost.

"He's a guy who should have left his job in his 20s, but ... his identity is wrapped around Selina," Hale says. "I have a feeling that his mother has been carried over into Selina. I'm sure there are childhood wounds that are being played out."

Mama Bluth would be so proud.

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Politicians are humans, too

Behind closed doors, Vice President Selina Meyers and her team behave badly — very badly. But the more preposterous the situation they find themselves in, Hale hypothesizes, the more truthful it seems.

"Especially in this election year, there's so much posturing [on the campaign trail], there are so many perfect sound bites. There's so much presentation, and one person cannot be that positive and mechanical and perfect all the time," he says. "They have to have a breakdown; they have to go behind the scenes and scream at somebody or lose their mind or get insecure, cry or whatever, and I love that this show shows that. It shows Selina putting on her happy face — and then she goes behind the scenes and just screams at the top of her lungs. It shows their humanity."

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FOR FOLK'S SAKE

Folk You Philly brings together local artists and audiences for casual conversations — not to mention folky puns Mike Baurer on his popular website, podcast and this weekend's showcase at the Fire

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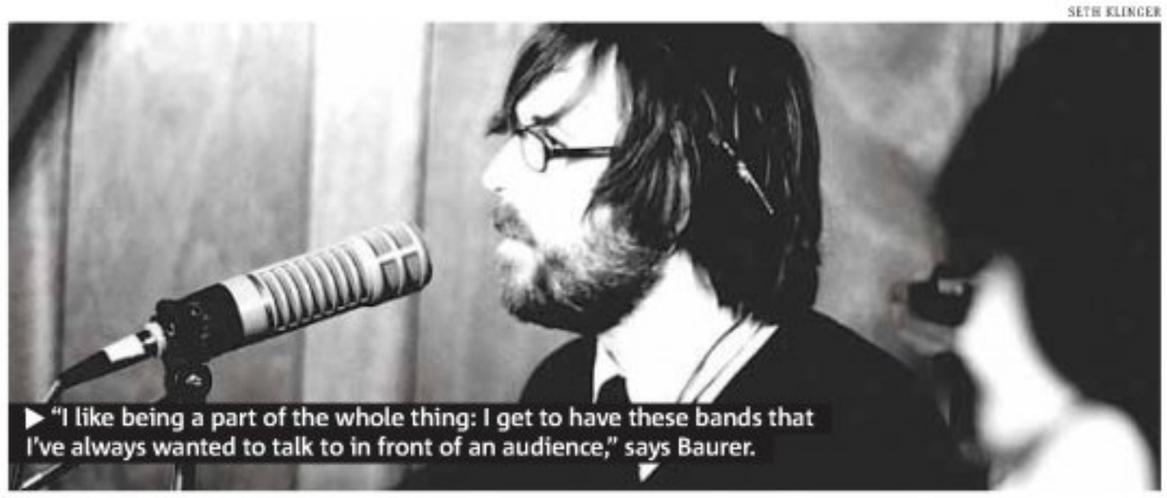

▶ "I like being a part of the whole thing: I get to have these bands that I've always wanted to talk to in front of an audience," says Baurer.

The former drummer of local indie favorite Toy Soldiers has a new passion.

Under the tongue-in-cheek banner of Folk You Philly, Mike Baurer's website, podcast and live shows are an attempt to connect a budding scene of singer-songwriters with audiences — and each other.

"At a certain point, I was like, 'I have a bunch of friends that would be into this, and I have access to a studio space,'" says Baurer. "Let's just bring artists in and talk to them in a different way — talk to them in a way that's loose and friendly and less formal than usual."

Along with producer Kyle Graham, over the last year Baurer has created 13 podcasts, featuring dozens of local musicians in intimate performances and conversations.

Also playing

Folk You Philly **(www.folkyouphilly.com)** also hosts comedian Jonas Oesterle's podcast, "The Tuesday Show." The show records in front of a live audience at the Fire on the first Tuesday of every month.

But on Saturday, Folk You is bringing the show onstage at the Fire to record a night of interviews, goofball antics and plugged-in rockin' sets by Philly bands Toy Soldiers, The Lawsuits, The Vintage Kicks and Brad Hinton.

And this time Baurer plans to be onstage, too, leading the festivities.

"For me this is better than being in a band," he says. "I get to hang out, have a good time and listen to my friends playing music that I love."

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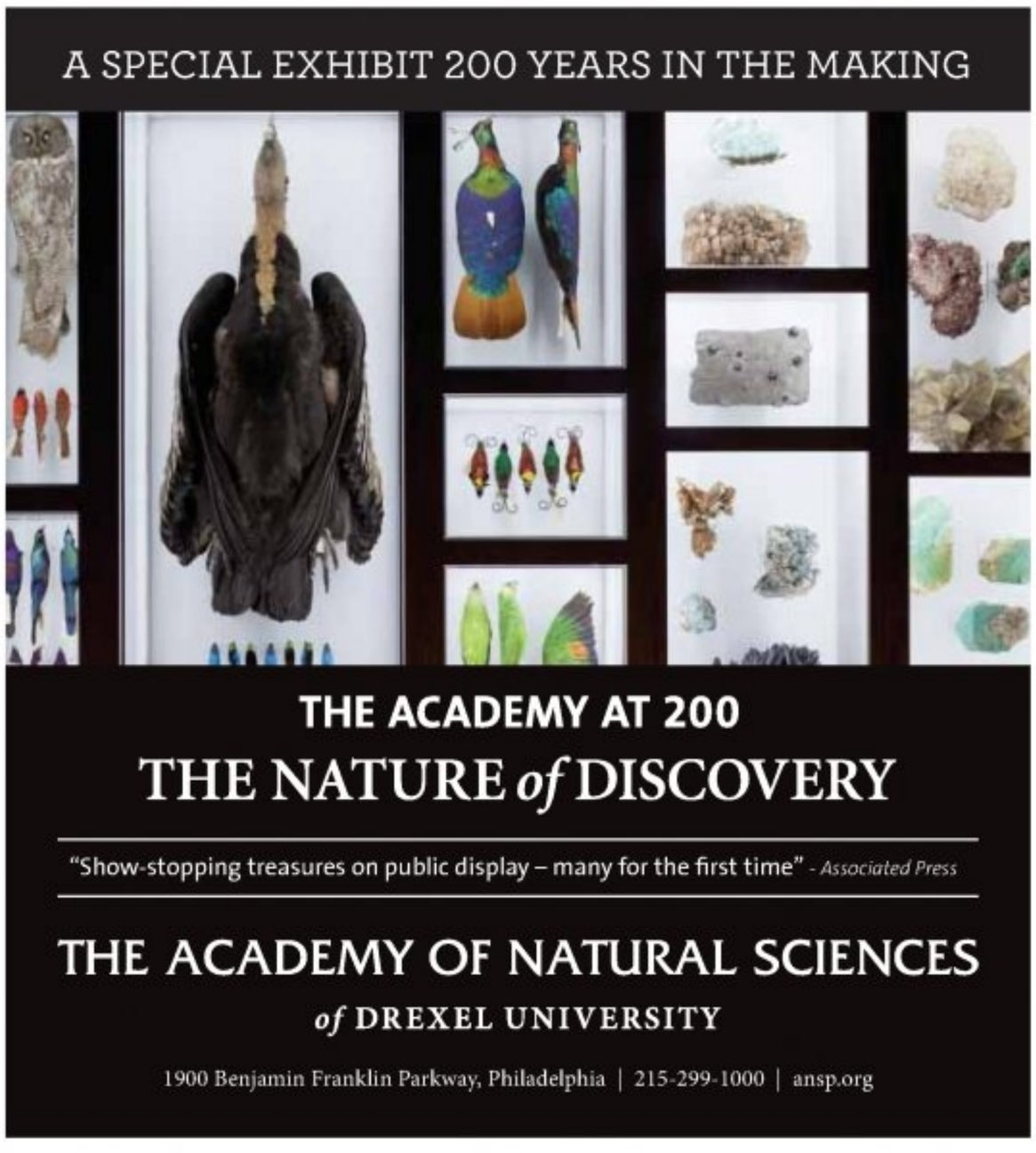
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▶ Wait, didn't Lucero recently become an eight-piece band? That looks like nine people.

Whiskey, 'Women and Work'

Hard livin' and hard drinkin' band may have (gasp!) made a mature album Guitarist and singer both discuss the band's new approach

'Tennessee' to Memphis

Going from a four-piece to an eight-piece, Lucero recently enlisted Rick Steff (piano/organ/accordion), Todd Beene (pedal steel) and Jim Spake and Scott Thompson (horns) to create a more big-band, honky-tonk, Memphis-soul kind of sound.

"It's a conscious combination of the Sun Studios and Stax Studios sounds," says singer Ben Nichols. "The horns can be soulful, but they can also be the sound of early rock 'n' roll. ... There is a sheer enjoyment and appreciation of having such great musicians in my band. I'm having more fun playing now than I ever have before. And that is mainly because of the guys I'm playing music with."

Beer-soaked, bourbon-bruised and heavy-hearted, Lucero have always stumbled beautifully across the boundaries of country, rock and punk. They sing about the girls they've loved and lost, and all the miles they've traveled and drinks they've downed trying to forget them.

On their recent release, "Women and Work," they continue to wear their hell-bent hearts on their tattooed sleeves. Though there seems to be a new glimmer of hope in their songs when it comes to the "Women," in reality it's the "Work" that defines Lucero as a band. Averaging more than 200 days a year on the road, the idea of holding down a relationship isn't exactly easy.

On the title track of the new record, singer Ben Nichols seems to sum up the disparities with the words: "One shot of women/one shot of work/one shot is sweeter/but they both can hurt."

"It's funny," says guitarist Brian Venable. "Ben introduces that song every night and says, 'This song is called "Women and Work," it's about whiskey.'"

He laughs at the singer's choice of words.

"It's just a drinking song. In our minds, it's nice to have a lady, but what we do for work is ridiculously amazing, so we'll stick with whiskey."

This month, Lucero celebrate their 14th year together as a band, an achievement that Venable seems quite aware of.

"I made a comment that this is our most mature record, and sometimes that's a dirty word in rock 'n' roll," he says. "But for us, we're more comfortable saying 'Hey, this is what we like.' We're not going to make 'Tennessee' [the band's second album] over and over again. We're trying to become part of the Memphis music scene."

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Today, Victoria Beckham is on the road again, Leonard Nimoy is gaining new fans, Sarah Silverman is aware of a few problems and Steve Martin is having fun with vocabulary.

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@TheRealNimoy
So many people discovering the original Star Trek series. Warms my Vulcan heart.

@SarahKSilverman
Couple thoughts: genocide is happening in Sudan & I'm tired lately.

@SteveMartinToGo
Home now, relaxing by the window, looking up "defenestration."

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I love that the @Orioles are sitting in 1st place right now. It makes me happy. Go O's.

@questlove
damn. Levon Helm of The Band. Class Act all the way. made me feel like i was inventing the wheel when i was still a minion. RIP.

Leonard Nimoy

THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Vanessa Lachey on pregnancy, Nick

Vanessa Lachey is a very dutiful pregnant woman, saying she's "only gotten better" as she's entered her second trimester.

Really? She doesn't miss, say, Scotch?

"Honestly, when people have drinks around me, the smell makes me want to vomit. I haven't even missed coffee too much. I feel like you are giving up these things for a great reason," she told us about her pregnancy while promoting "Take a Load Off" day on behalf of P&G Future Friendly and Tide Coldwater, which is encouraging the public to only wash their clothing in cold water this Earth Day to save on energy costs.

However, this very pregnant columnist called shenanigans on Mrs. Lachey, as, come on, there has to be one complaint. (Vomiting? Swollen ankles? Give us something here, Vanessa!) And only after a little badgering from yours truly did she fess up to one complaint.

"Fatigue hit me hard," she finally admitted. "Sometimes I'll hit the couch for two or three hours and feel like I have to apologize to **Nick**, like: 'I'm sorry I'm so lazy!'"

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▶ Lachey is encouraging everyone to save energy by only using cold water in their washing machines for Earth Day.

Vanessa Lachey is a better pregnant lady than I. Two hours on the couch is my exercise for the day — but it only counts as exercise if I keep my eyes open the entire time.

Is the bodyguard the dad to Blanket?

Michael Jackson's former bodyguard, **Matt Fiddes**, claims the late singer's youngest child is actually his biological son — and he's willing to prove it. Fiddes says Jackson even told him the truth after baby **Blanket** was born. "I sat there and asked the question, 'Is Blanket my child?'" Fiddes tells the Daily Star. "He said, 'He's my child, Matt, but I used your sperm to produce him.'" Standing in his way, though, is Michael's mother, **Katherine Jackson**, who has sole custody of the child. "Katherine's worried we will come after the estate and will tell the kids the truth," Fiddes says. "But to me the truth is the big issue, and that's why I want to take it further. I'm a self-made man, I don't want or need their money. All I want is access, if he's my child, to take him out and spend some time together."

Who is Blanket's daddy?

Carey Mulligan will tie the knot this weekend

Carey Mulligan and musician **Marcus Mumford** are reportedly getting married this weekend during a ceremony in the English countryside, according to Radar Online. "Carey and Marcus are counting down the days till they tie the knot. She is absolutely walking on air and can hardly contain her excitement," a source says. "They don't care that some of their friends think they are rushing things." The couple have been engaged for nine months and dating for about a year, though they first got to know each other as pen pals when they were teenagers. "It's going to be an amazing weekend as they will be surrounded by their closest family and friends," the source says. "It's a dream come true for Carey."

Talking points

A romantic getaway for Brad and Angie

Brad Pitt and **Angelina Jolie** know how to celebrate a happy occasion. The newly engaged couple reportedly packed up their family and took a private jet to Ecuador, then a luxury yacht to the Galapagos Islands, where they're vacationing at the Royal Palm Hotel, according to People magazine. "We were informed that they arrived at the airport in Baltra yesterday," a source says. "Then they made their way over to a villa in the Galapagos Islands." Pitt apparently popped the question at Christmas after spending a year working on the design of the engagement ring.

A move to the 'burbs?

Though they've only been dating six months, **Blake Lively** and **Ryan Reynolds** are reportedly ready to settle down in the suburbs, according to Us Weekly. The two actors "have been looking around different areas of Connecticut," a source claims, citing a recent trip the pair took to the posh suburb of New Canaan to sightsee. "They love getting out of the city and appreciate a slower pace." Another source says that moving in together is the next logical step, given how close they've become. "Ryan is practically living with her already," the source says. "When he's at her apartment, it feels like home."

▶ Headin' to the 'burbs?

Madonna needs to be a stricter mom

Madonna admits she may need to enforce some stricter parenting measures at home after a photo was published of 15-year-old daughter **Lourdes** smoking a cigarette. "I think I need to be, maybe, tougher," she says during an interview with the "Today" show. "I'm probably not as tough as I should be." It probably doesn't help that Madonna herself is seen smoking in her latest music video.

The photo of Clyde Frazier and Dr. Ruth is the perfect start to your weekend

1: Diane Keaton and a rescued dog up for adoption attended the Los Angeles premiere of "Darling Companion" at American Cinematheque's Egyptian Theatre on Tuesday in Hollywood.

2: Selena Gomez could look a little more enthused by boyfriend **Justin Bieber**'s kissy face at a basketball game between the San Antonio Spurs and the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday in Los Angeles.

3: Former pro skateboarder and MMA fighter **Jason Ellis** signed copies of his new book "I'm Awesome" at Bookends Bookstore in Ridgewood, N.J., on Tuesday.

4: Former professional basketball player/sportscaster **Walter "Clyde" Frazier** and sex therapist **Dr. Ruth Westheimer** attended the 2012 Tom Ridge Homeland Security awards at the Grand Hyatt on Tuesday in New York City.

5: Chris Martin of Coldplay opened their North American tour on Tuesday in Edmonton, Canada.

6: Looking like an anorexic Zach Galifianakis, **Jason Priestley** was spotted sporting a jaunty beard and neck scarf on Wednesday in Paris, France.

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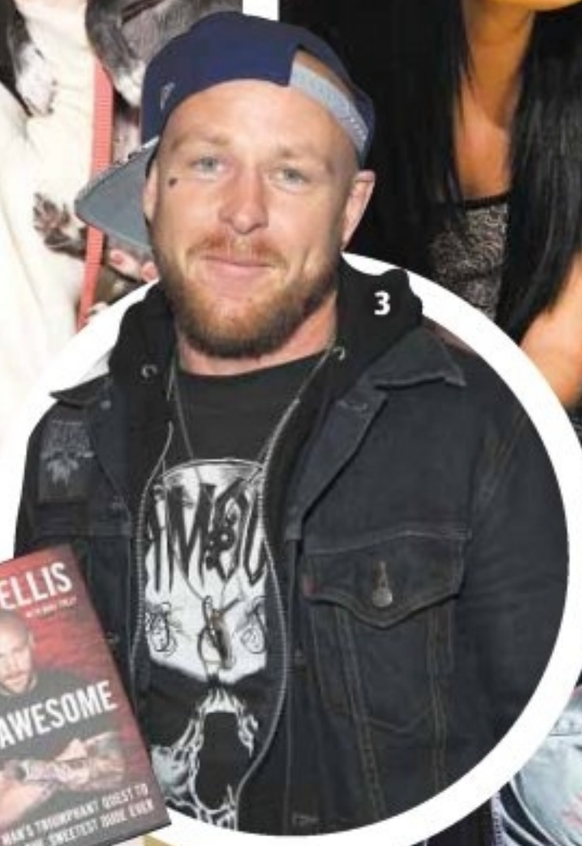

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War is hell; let's work to avoid it

The prospect of war with Iran is frightening. So is the prospect of a nuclear armed Iran. That's why I was so encouraged that the United States was among the world powers taking part in diplomatic talks with Iran on April 13 and 14. Diplomacy is the single most effective way to avert those two bad outcomes. With continued talks scheduled in May, I encourage our members of Congress to support diplomacy with Iran, not pass new legislation that could sabotage it.

JAN-PAUL ALON, VIA E-MAIL

Military spending is class warfare

The U.S. is depriving its people of advanced country benefits and is now headed toward bankruptcy because of wars and outrageous military spending. Does the U.S. really need to spend more on military than the next one hundred highest spending countries combined and, is it necessary to have a military presence in 150 foreign countries? The public has been led to believe that the purpose of the military budget is to equip a military for defensive purposes. The fact is that a good part of it goes for such things as golf courses, hunting lodges, and luxurious officer quarters on naval vessels. The better part of the $650 billion this year will be redistributed upward in the form of profits to military contractors. War and fear of war has always been profitable for some. President Eisenhower understood this.

LEWIS WALSH, VIA E-MAIL

"If you want to see an economy with no government regulation or investment, go to Somalia!"

RE: "CALVIN AND HOBBES VOTE REPUBLICAN": Anyone who thinks that government spending doesn't generate private sector jobs has never lived near a military base. From the Erie Canal (which made New York the No. 1 economic powerhouse in the East) to modern military spending (Internet and cell phones!) smart government investment has generated whole industries and millions of private sector jobs. If you want to see an economy with no government regulation or investment, go to Somalia!

KATHY KOURIAN, VIA E-MAIL

Republican hypocrisy never ceases to amaze me. Igor Mannikus is all up in arms about the Democratic plan for putting everyone on the "governments teets", yet he and his fellow Tea Party Republicans are usually first in line to suck on one of the biggest governmental teets: i.e. subsidies. The GOP prevented up to $167 million in cuts in direct payments to farmers, including some of the nation's wealthiest (21 of the Republicans in Congress who voted against the cuts receive $100,000 per year for farm subsidies) which would mean cuts in food aid for low-income mothers and children by $685 million. Republicans in the Senate filibustered the majority's attempt to repeal $21 billion in subsidies for the big five oil companies — the same companies that made more than $30 billion in profits in just the first three months of 2011. Yeah Mr. Mannikus: Open wide.

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Horoscope

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** It's OK to take on a new project as long as it doesn't interfere with what you already have on your plate and you can devote quality time to both.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You may feel you're ably taking care of something that you promised friends you'd handle, but if it doesn't look that way to them, your pals will feel manipulated.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** In order to achieve an important assignment, you must give the powers that be the impression that you are totally dedicated to doing the job right.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Your associates are likely to have a strong influence on your attitude and performance. If they tend to be negative thinkers, you will be one too. Try to hang out with positive types.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** It doesn't matter if you're managing an important financial matter for another or for yourself, in both instances it must be skillfully handled. Anything less won't suffice.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Be supportive of your mate instead of locking horns. A lack of allegiance may cause your spouse to behave in a poor manner when you need bolstering at a later date.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Nothing constructive will result if you attempt to get others to handle certain responsibilities that are exclusively yours. If you don't want to do these tasks, why should your friends feel differently?

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It might prove wise to reject being treasurer for your club or a group activity. If you have trouble collecting the funds, you could get blamed for the venture falling apart.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Be as tactful and diplomatic as you can when it comes to handling things for your club. If you're not, you'll catch a lot of heat for being too pushy and assertive.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** No matter how hard you try to be purposeful and methodical, certain of your projects might still look like they were handled in a slipshod fashion.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Try to make some kind of arrangement to clear up an obligation you have to a friend. Not only will small tokens have a way of adding up, they'll make your pal feel appreciated.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Someone who is usually agreeable might do an about-face and could handle things in a manner that would cause problems, just to get even with you for ignoring him or her lately.

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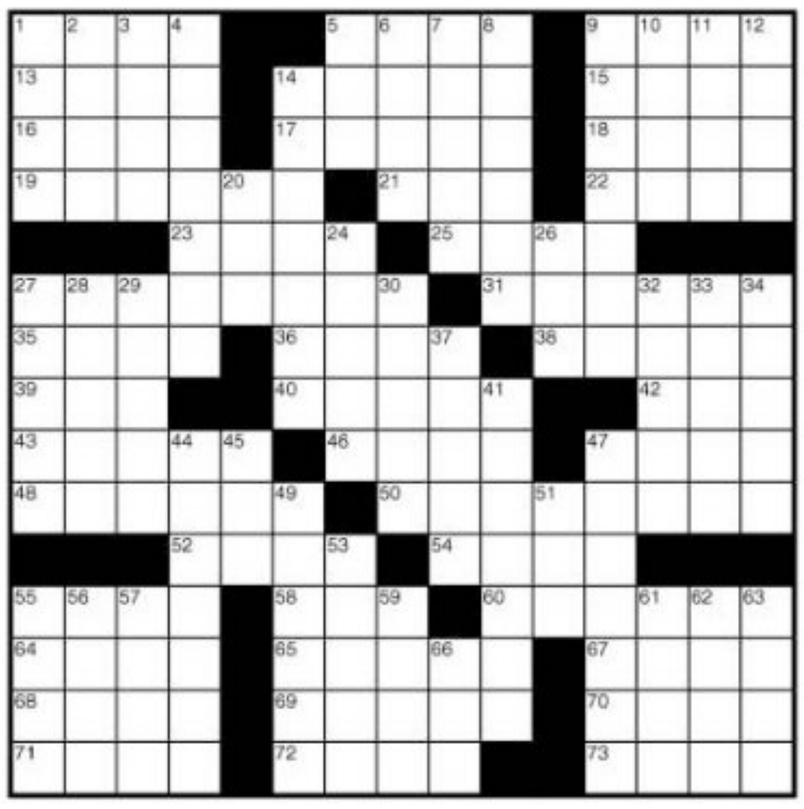

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Solution to Thursday's crossword

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REVEL in AC's new casino

The new $2.4B beach behemoth emphasizes entertainment outside the sea of slots and card dealers The main attraction? A little something called the Atlantic Ocean

1,900
Number of rooms inside Revel's 47-story hotel tower, with prices for most rooms in the high $300s and low $400s.

A renovated boardwalk and beach surround the shiny resort and casino.

When Kevin DeSanctis began his career in Atlantic City many years ago, the CEO of the gambling mecca's new, $2.4 billion Revel resort and casino wasn't working for casinos — he was monitoring them as a New Jersey state trooper.

His transformation into the top official at the resort town's most expensive creation ever is about as radical a makeover as the scuffling city needs from Revel to usher in a turnaround.

Its arrival comes at a time when Pennsylvania's "convenience" casinos just took over as the second-most revenue-drawing, by state, in the country. Speculation is that Atlantic City could do itself a favor in the years ahead by bulldozing a couple of its weakest links. (It now has 11 casinos, including Revel.)

"Casinos in Pennsylvania and New York are part of a convenience market. They've become not much different than [gamblers'] local bars," DeSanctis says of the proliferation of competition for gambling dollars. "We believe we offer a great alternative."

The alternative Revel offers is in its "leisure" approach to entertainment. Gone — forever, perhaps? — are the days where Atlantic City's resorts catered mostly to gamblers. DeSanctis says a fundamental shift at Revel will be a new emphasis on entertainment outside of the sea of slots and blackjack tables.

In a stark contrast to its chief competitor for patrons, Borgata (and its sister resort, the Water Club), Revel embraces Atlantic City's greatest natural resource.

"You can't build on the beach and turn your back to the ocean," DeSanctis says. During a tour of the property with Revel's principal architect, Michael Prifti, who also oversaw construction of the Borgata nine years ago, the Atlantic Ocean is visible from almost everywhere in the resort.

The Revel Beach is still under construction, but will be ready by the official opening, Memorial Day weekend. The current construction along the northernmost stretch of the boardwalk includes creating a beach with small waves for waders and larger breakers for surfers, Prifti says.

The ocean is as dominant upon a trip around the resort as the main gambling floor.

"I don't think anyone appreciates having to walk through a casino to get to your hotel room," Prifti says. "What we're trying to do is make people feel, 'we're going to have a good time.'"

It's a feeling Atlantic City needs a lot more of in the coming months and years if it's going to remake itself in the era of convenience gambling.

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What we saw

In accordance with an emphasis on entertainment rather than gambling, Revel can really focus cuisine and leisure fares. Here's highlights of what to see and do:

1 **Garces, Garces, Garces:** Philly's biggest celebrity chef, Jose Garces, has four different eateries at Revel, with options for those looking to woo a date with high-priced menus to someone on the move (see sidebar).

2 **NYC's culinary influence:** Acclaimed chefs Alain Allegretti and Marc Forgione are also opening high-end Mediterranean and steakhouse restaurants. As you can imagine, all the eateries have panoramic views of the ocean.

3 **The Social:** Like the Borgata, Revel has a massive concert venue — 5,500 seats — but also intriguing secondary spaces like the The Social, which seats 700 for live entertainment and can convert to provide different experiences depending on the act.

4 **Beach Club and nightclub:** HQ Nightclub and HQ Beach Club combine for more than 80,000 square feet of party space. Depending on your preference, get sweaty on the inside dance floor until the early hours or enjoy the ocean breeze on the private beachfront.

5 **Sand:** Unlike most of Atlantic City's casinos, there is an emphasis on the ocean. Revel also remade thousands of feet of the boardwalk that link the resort to the beach — so there's a very little possibility of splinters.

What's cooking at Revel

Like your fondness for the roulette table, some might call your love of all things Jose Garces an addiction. Now you can feed the beast (and put $20 on black for us) at the Iron Chef's outposts in Atlantic City: **Amada**, **Village Whiskey** and **Distrito Cantina** are serving up Garces goodness in the new Revel resort. Amada, like its sister restaurant on Chestnut Street, serves Andalusian tapas; Village Whiskey boasts "neats and eats," including 80 varieties of the spirit; and Distrito Cantina is a Mexican take-out joint inspired with hints of its namesake's University City outpost and the Guapos Taco Truck.

"Atlantic City has some great restaurants, from local institutions like the White House and The Knife & Fork Inn to the chef-driven dining rooms of the resorts," says Garces, making nice with his new neighbors. As part of a culinary lineup at Revel that includes Michelin-star winner and fellow Iron Chef Marc Forgione, James Beard winner Michel Richard and acclaimed master of Riviera cuisine Alain Allegretti, Garces says, "I'm really looking forward to being a part of the new level of dining that Revel will bring to the city."

AMBER RAY

Listings

Atlantic City culinary events

Chefs at the Shore, June 21
Chefs from the casinos and local restaurants prep dishes in this fundraiser for the Atlantic City Aquarium and the Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey. $50 for tickets purchased before June 1 ($60 thereafter); 609-348-2880, Ext. 25 or 17

Atlantic City Food and Wine Festival, July 26-29
Tom Colicchio and Andrew Zimmern are among the renowned chefs participating in this food-focused weekend.
Prices vary; www.caesars.com/acfoodandwine

The Taste of Revel May 18-20
Food & WIne magazine presents this three-day foodie fest to introduce Revel's chefs. Don't miss list: Jose Garces' "Art of Paella" demo.
Prices vary; www.revelresorts.com

food & drink

SHELL GAMES

Oyster House's annual shucking contest goes down this weekend

▶ Cornell Rhoades gets cracking at Oyster House's (1516 Sansom St.) third-annual shucking contest, Saturday at 2 p.m. Admission to the contest is $5.

JASON VARNEY

There's more than one way to shuck an oyster. But unfortunately, most of them will leave you with a sliced hand, a messy presentation or both.

Cornell Rhoades has been prying stubborn shells open for 15 years at Oyster House, and he's not only fast — he goes through two dozen in around three minutes, thank you — but his plates are pristine.

He's one of the professionals competing at Oyster House's shucking contest on Saturday. Just in case you want to enter the amateur rounds, we asked him for some tips.

1 Start with a good oyster
You don't want to do all that work for a disappointing morsel. "I'm looking for a nice shell," he says. "And you want a little weight in it — an oyster should be heavy."

2 Equip yourself
On Rhoades' essentials list: Latex gloves and an oyster shucking knife (don't skimp here — buy the real deal).

3 Back it up
When you're ready to make the cut, Rhoades has a secret method: "Go from the back of the oyster where the hinge is; it'll pop open a little easier and you'll be less likely to hurt yourself." You'll also be less likely to break the shell or rip the oyster — both of which carry a one-second penalty on Saturday.

MONICA WEYMOUTH

Food. Earth Day

▶ Reservations are suggested for Sunday's special menu ($100; $160 with wine pairings) at Talula's Garden (210 W. Washington Square, www.talulasgarden.com).

COURTNEY APPLE

Talula's Garden is serving up a six-course Earth Day menu on Sunday made with ingredients sourced from within 100 miles of its airy Rittenhouse kitchen. Dishes will be decided the morning before, but we can tell you that local spirits Blue Coat Gin and Ruby are kicking up the cocktails. METRO

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Lucky Colts

Report: Luck will go No. 1

As expected, the Colts will select Andrew Luck with the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, according to multiple Internet reports.

Robert Griffin III will be taken second overall, according to the same reports.

Indianapolis is looking to rebuild their entire franchise around Luck, a player that reminds them of Peyton Manning. This is the Colts' first No. 1 overall selection in 14 years.

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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS: Flyers lead series, 3-1

Flyers tinkering with lineup, JVR could see action

◗ van Riemsdyk skating, Rinaldo bumped to scratch line ◗ Laviolette hush on changes ◗ Grossman out?

All series long, the mantra has been the same — discipline, discipline, discipline. Zac Rinaldo, who nearly led the league in penalty minutes in the regular season, hasn't gotten the message. He is No. 1 in the playoffs with 46 penalty minutes. The next closest is Wayne Simmonds with 24.

In Game 4, he was assessed minors for cross-checking and roughing, and also got a 10-minute misconduct and game misconduct — all in the same play — when he knocked Zbynek Michalek around behind the play.

Rinaldo hadn't heard from league officials before practice Thursday and said he didn't expect to. But that may be Peter Laviolette's new favorite word: irrelevant.

The coach said he wouldn't hesitate to make a lineup change and it appears as though James van Riemsdyk, recovering from a broken left foot, may be ready.

"You'd be crazy not to want to play at this time of year," said van Riemsdyk, who has been skating with the team since Saturday with plastic shells over both skates. "Just trying to feel better every day and get to the point where I can contribute."

PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

▶ James van Riemsdyk is recovering from a broken left foot, but he may be inserted into the Flyers' lineup Friday night.

At this point it is a group decision between van Riemsdyk, the trainers and coaching staff as to whether he cracks the lineup, but it seems likely he'll be suiting up.

"He looked good [Thursday]," Laviolette said. "It was just a 20-minute skate. He's looked better every day. At some point, I guess we'll make that decision."

In practice he skated on a line with Matt Read and Jake Voracek. Rinaldo skated on a scratch line with Tom Sestito and recent callup Matt Ford. It looks like Laviolette showed his cards a bit by practicing with those units, and van Riemsdyk is willing to answer the bell.

"This is the time of year where no matter what," van Riemsdyk said, "if your number's called you just suck it up and deal with it."

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No updates on Grossman's injury, status

The Flyers didn't update the status of Nicklas Grossman on Thursday, but the injured defenseman didn't practice with the team.

After Game 4, GM Paul Holmgren announced that he had suffered an upper-body injury and is day-to-day. Speculation is that Grossman has a concussion, but the Flyers won't confirm the injury. Grossman took two shots in the head in Game 4. METRO

▶ Grossman

The series:

- Game 1: Flyers 4, Penguins 3, OT
- Game 2: Flyers 8, Penguins 5
- Game 3: Flyers 8, Penguins 4
- Game 4: Penguins 10, Flyers 3
- Game 5: Friday, at Pittsburgh, 7:30 (CSN)
- *Game 6: Sunday, at FLYERS, TBD
- *Game 7: April 24, at Pittsburgh, TBD

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Roseman, Eagles know draft 'deep' on defensive line

Birds GM set to run third NFL draft ◗ Team plans to take best player on board ◗ Don't rule out any trades

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▶ Roseman offered little insight on his draft-day strategy.

The Eagles haven't struck early or often in recent drafts, at least not on the defensive side. Names like Jerome McDougle, Brodrick Bunkley and Brandon Graham highlight their first-round boards since 2003.

But GM Howie Roseman is only responsible for Graham and, truth be told, the jury is still out on the oft-injured defensive end. Roseman will architect his third draft next week and rumors are flying that the Birds will once again go with a defensive lineman. Roseman offered little hints on strategy during a media session Thursday, but he did admit that this draft is very deep along the defensive line.

"We are looking for guys who can get off the ball," Roseman said. "That's defensive linemen in general, not just defensive tackle."

Roseman maintained that no matter what, the Eagles will take the best available when they select at No. 15.

"We're going to take the best player on our board as much as we can," Roseman said. "If you have guys very closely graded, and you don't have anyone at that specific spot, you're going to take that position."

Of course, Roseman has never been gun shy. He's engineered 25 total trades in less than three years in charge, including 10 alone on draft day. In 2010, he leaped 11 spots (from No. 24 to No. 13) to take Graham in the first round.

"I think that's what makes the draft fun," Roseman said. "I think that's what makes it exciting for the fans, it makes it exciting for us, and you've got to have some of that element of it."

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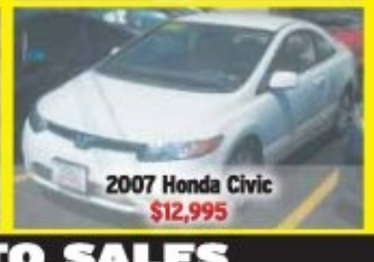
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Larry Brown's comeback

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Brown, 71, is the only coach to win both NBA and NCAA titles. He led the Sixers to the 2000-01 NBA Finals.

Villanova is already in the Big East for hoops, and Temple will join them in 2013. So we will probably be seeing Brown at a local arena in the near future.

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▶ Brown took the Sixers to the Finals in 2000-01.

Soul ready to weather Storm

The Philadelphia Soul will battle the Tampa Bay Storm Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Center.

The Soul are in a two-way tie for the best record in the Arena Football League. They are coming off back-to-back wins against Georgia and San Jose. Philadelphia is No. 1 in scoring (362 points) and No. 8 in total offense (1,556).

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Phils go green this weekend

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Lace up, bring your skates

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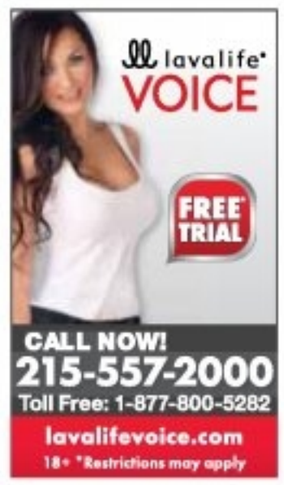

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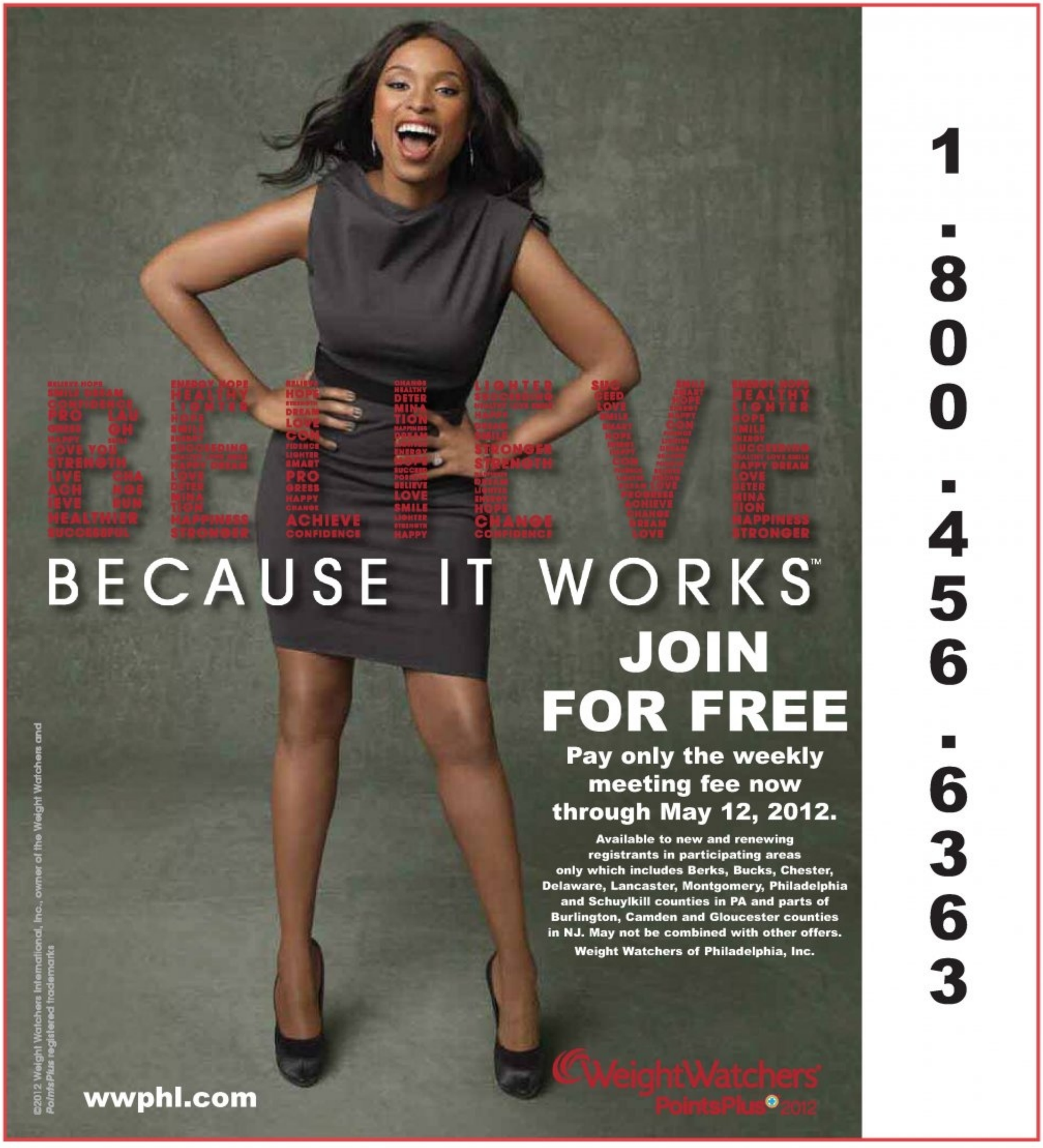
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